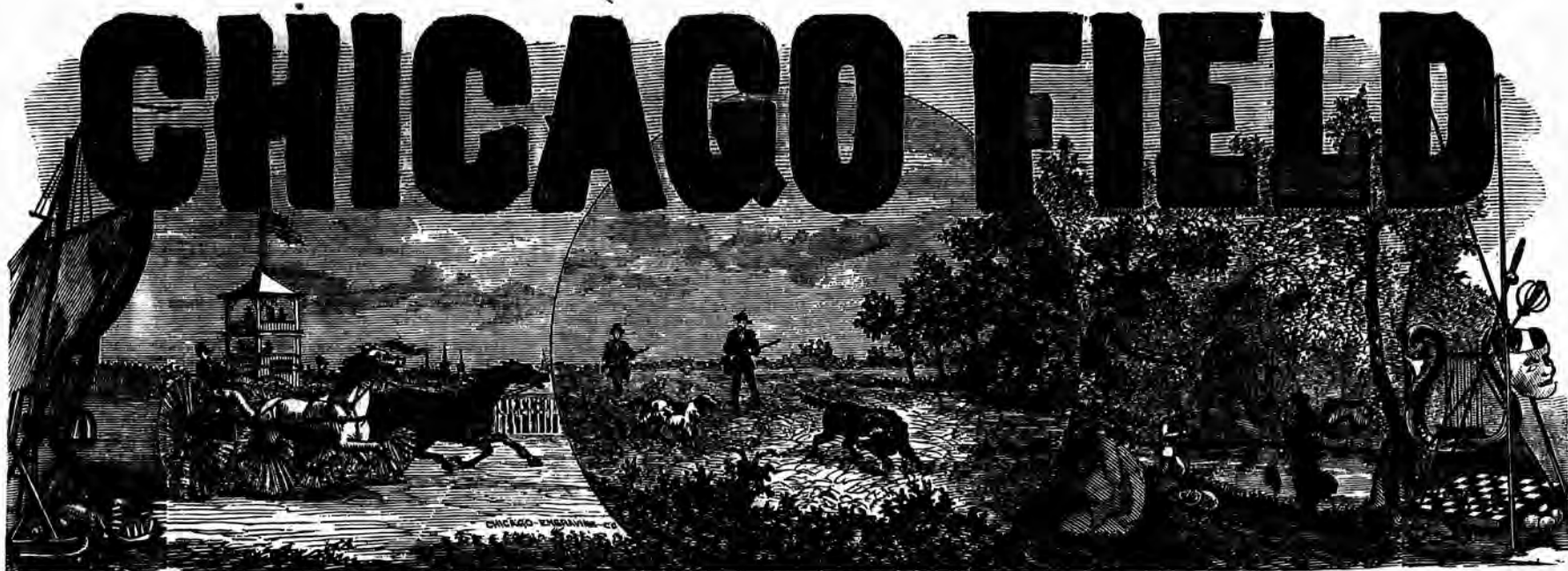




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Breech Actions.

BY RECAPPER.

It is very amusing to me to see the comments and restrictions by various writers, in your columns, on my letters on guns. Almost every one thinks he alone is right, and though very evidently writing in the interest of some particular gun or maker, each one of them strives to conceal the fact, yet often makes a lamentable failure.

Gentlemen, why will you strive so hard and so unavailingly to hide the wolf under the sheep's hide? Come out boldly, and puff your favorite gun or maker as much as you wish, or as the editor of the CHICAGO FIELD will allow.

Why not admit the fact, well known to all, that almost any breech action you can name can lay claim to some good points, but that it may, and does have its bad points as well?

"Which is the best?" you may ask; but if I were to answer you, you would stick to your choice, after all. I may, however, state in general terms, that I hold that action to be the best which gives the greatest number of desirable results, with the least complicated mechanism, and the least friction of the working parts.

Let us examine some of the actions best known, and see what are their weak points. In the first place, I claim that any action with an extended rear lump fitting into a slot in the face of the false breech, is not constructed on sound principles. And why? Because if the gun is fitted with barlocks a space must be cut in for the mainspring, and such cutting away is unavoidable, and to a certain extent weakens the angle of the action. Yet in order to use the extended lump still more of the action must be cut away, increasing the weakness just where the greatest strain is brought to bear. The result of this weakness in guns so built is that the barrels will gradually leave the face of the false breech at top—though remaining close at bottom—through the action becoming bent forward and downward at the angle; and the only remedy is to have the action bent back again, which is but temporary relief, as on using the gun the angle of the action will again be bent, and no compensating lump yet built will prevent it on an action of this style. The great point in a breech action is to have the barrels held firmly against the face of the false breech, and this important point was overlooked in all of the earlier breech actions, and is still overlooked in many now made. Westley Richards undertook to overcome this evil with his extended rib, with its hook on the under side engaging into a recess in the top of the false breech, and the locking bolt working in the top of the action. It was an excellent idea, but it did not go far enough, inasmuch as they did away with the rear lump with its great resisting surface, and trusted to the hinge joint (worked out of the solid body of the action), and to the hook under the extended rib. As the hinge pin is below the axis of the barrels, this gives to the barrels when the gun is fired a tendency to leap upward at the breech end, and the hook on the extended rib cannot resist this tendency, as it is pointed at somewhat of an angle on account of its bearing being above the line of the hinge pin on which the barrels turn. This brings all the strain upon the locking bolt and its surroundings, which being a mere shell of a part of the action, causes the bolt in time to wear loose, and the gun becomes shakey. The removal of the rear lump has another weakening tendency, as it puts upon the extended rib all the burden of preventing lateral vibration, as the front lumps being so far from the face of the false breech, allows too much leverage to the barrels. Greener in his "wedge-fast" action retains the rear lumps, but the top bolt he uses does not effectually hold the barrels to the face of the false breech, for the reason that it does not fit into the opposite side of the body as a perfect bolt. The end of this top bolt is beveled to allow the extended rib to push it on one side in closing the gun, and, as this bolt works in one side of the body of the action, and does not enter the opposite side, all strain upon the extended rib has to be borne by one end of the top bolt alone, and sustained by one side of the body only. W. & C. Scott & Sons have introduced many contrivances, but as in none of them do they make any attempt to hold the rear end of the barrels and face of false breech together, except in their last invention, it is not worth my while to notice them here. Even their last action has no claim to merit, as the lever which they claim holds the barrels against the false breech, has no bearing in the body of the action, the whole of it being cut away to make room for the rib to pass. Of the ordinary "trade" extended rib it is scarcely worth while to speak. It is technically called the "doll's head," and is more than useless, cutting away the body of the action in order to make a recess for its reception, and giving not one atom of binding power. But it must not be supposed that I condemn the extended rib when built on right principles, as, when it is so built, it, with other properly adjusted attachments, is one of the best—if not the best—of fastenings. I know of guns built with certain forms of extended ribs, both here and in England. They are not built by makers who build for the trade, and as I have been accused of writing in the interest of different makers, at different times, I will not give the names of the makers of these guns through your columns. Formerly I looked upon the extended lump beneath the barrels, as one giving a powerful hold, and stated so publicly; but my own experience has taught me, in connection with the experience of others, that this is a fallacy. Unlike some of your correspond-

dents who write in the interests of gun dealers, I do not insist that this or that action is perfect. They will claim nothing but good for the action or gun they puff, hoping thereby to make a sale for the gun dealer and get their percentage. Always remember that guns are, like most other things in this world, for sale.

It is business to make sales, but, unfortunately for the buyers, it does not always do to take for gospel truths all that the salesman—or his agent—tells you in praise of his goods. He may show a very beautiful sample to you, but will the stock be like it? I know of one much puffed American gun firm, who recently built a gun for a dealer. It was the first they had ever sold him, and it was reasonable to suppose that they would build a good one, in hopes of future trade. In due time the gun came to hand. The dealer kept it a week or so and then parted with it. The present owner of the gun likes it very well, but does not know what a really good gun is. The dealer makes no remarks about the gun, as its present owner lives in the same town, but I have the best of reasons for thinking that the dealer was not sorry to part with the gun. But then, gentlemen, this is business, you know.

THOSE CLABROUGH GUNS.—San Francisco, Cal.—Editor Chicago Field:—My attention was called this morning to a letter of a correspondent from this city, signed "Pacific," which appears in your last issue, referring to Messrs. Clabrough's guns, and their use at the late match between the California and Gun clubs. I would scarcely notice such an article, written evidently by some



"MONT CLARE."

striker, or individual to whom Messrs. Clabrough have perhaps given a gun for his puffing them, but that the statements made by "Pacific" are in the main untrue, and I think doing injustice to the very excellent makers named in his article.

It is quite true that the California club used principally Clabrough's guns, some six out of nine, I am told, but "Pacific" forgot to state that not one of the guns used by the Gun Club were by that maker, Scott, Greener, Westley, Richards, Tipping & Lawden, Purdey and Gates being the makers represented. That the Gun Club lost the match in question, is also true—were badly beaten; but that was not the fault of the guns or their makers, but simply that their guns were not held straight. The Gun Club representatives with two or three exceptions, were green hands, and had never stood before a crowd, or where such heavy betting was going on, and although I understand that they shoot exceedingly well among themselves and on the field, they had to succumb on this occasion through losing their nerve.

The statement of "Pacific" that Clabrough's guns are principally used by sportsmen here, and that they don't want any of Scott's & Greener's, is also untrue, for the fact is, that for every Clabrough gun in use in this state, there are from five to eight Scott's, Greener's, Tipping & Lawden's and Parker's, besides a great many by Grant, Purdey, Westley, Richards, Holland, Williams & Powell and Pape.

Messrs. Clabrough certainly do make a very excellent gun and they shoot well, but there is a want of finish, softness and style about them compared with Scott's and Greener's, but more par-

ticularly with guns, London made, that is very noticeable to the eye of a thorough judge of gun work. I have, however, seen guns of Messrs. Clabrough at prices from \$75 to \$85 in the hands of some sportsmen which were excellent at the figures, and would compare very favorably with guns of any other Birmingham makers.

This letter has been written, not with the object of reflecting upon Messrs. Clabrough or their guns, but simply to refute the statements of an individual who is either very ignorant of what he writes about, or wilfully misrepresents for a purpose best known to himself. ALTA.

ARIZONA SPORT.—Aberdeen, Md.—Editor Chicago Field:—I am in receipt of a letter from a friend, Dr. M., now stationed in Arizona, dated Camp Bowie. The Doctor is an ardent sportsman, and takes great interest in all matters pertaining to field sports, and is a thorough gentleman, endowed with all the qualities of head and heart to make him a genial companion and an interesting correspondent; and as I have seen no communication in your columns from that territory, a synopsis of the part of his letter descriptive of the game and shooting may be not uninteresting to your readers.

The shooting is tolerably good in season, there being three varieties of quail, but only one species affords as good sport as does the Eastern variety. The others will not lie to a dog under any circumstances, taking wing at long distances, and as soon as they light commencing to run with a speed and persistency which makes it useless to attempt to shoot over dogs.

Deer and antelope may be had for the hunting (or rather for the killing), for they are found (especially the former) in such inaccessible places that it is almost impossible to bring them to bag, and is at best a very arduous amusement. Then too hunting in Arizona is not the same safe sport we enjoy in the civilized world. As Dr. M. says, "Lo, the poor Indian, is ever ready to scoop in the unwary." When sportsmen go on a hunting trip it is necessary if they would save their scalps to keep one of their number on guard duty during the night, but the officers of the U. S. A. stationed there have a way of escaping this disagreeable duty, and that is to take one or two privates with them on their hunting excursions to perform the part of sentry. It is also necessary to be well mounted to be safe from the prowling savages.

In speaking of his dog which he took with him from the East (a splendid specimen of the thoroughbred pointer), he says: "Biz has already distinguished himself and made many friends by his splendid performances on the game birds of the surrounding country." There is one thing a sportsman bred in other climes notices, and that is the total absence of the snipe family and the waders generally, but this deficiency is more than compensated for by the abundance of other game, as compared with the rapidly decreasing numbers in the more thickly settled states east of the Mississippi.

For those who love a spice of danger "in theirs," there is a chance to try their skill on more formidable game. To quote: "I shot a large wild cat while out scouting, just this side of the Mexican line. There was only one tree in sight, and although we passed it at some distance, I perceived the 'gentleman' crouching in it, and condescended to go back and investigate him. I put a carbine bullet through him so quickly 'it made his head swim'; at all events he came to the ground," and his skull now graces my mantel."

He says nothing in description of the character of the surrounding country, and I am therefore obliged to leave it to the geographical knowledge and imagination of your readers, but hope to have something further to say on the subject upon receipt of another letter at some future time. QUAIL.

WARREN NOTES.—Warren, Pa.—Editor Chicago Field:—The pigeon business has been lively in this section for several weeks. The birds are nesting twenty miles away in the dense woods of Forest county. Sheffield, twelve miles east of us on the Philadelphia & Erie railroad, is the best point of shipment. I learn from the freight agent at that place, that up to last Monday, May 13, 505,616 birds, dead and alive, have been shipped from that station. Probably 150,000 more have gone from Tidioute, Tioesta, Kane and other stations. Most of these have been shipped dead, about 300 in a barrel. Latterly as the market declines more live birds are shipped. The Buffalo clubs get birds for the N. Y. state shoot at Sheffield.

Of course, this all makes business for hotel keepers, teamsters and laborers. The roads are fearful, and teamsters demand and receive their "own prices," because the pigeon netters can't get their birds to market without them. Live pigeons sell here now for seventy-five cents to one dollar per dozen. Local pigeon shoots are among the luxuries of the season and crack shots are multiplying rapidly.

An effort is being made in our legislature at Harrisburg to prohibit netting pigeons for the market entirely. But the chances of any change in our game law this session are doubtful. I will advise you if we succeed.

F. H. Rockwell and Thomas DeSilver, of this place, went to Canada a few days ago and had good duck shooting. Mr. Rockwell, by the way, has lost his Dilley's Ranger—Queen pup by distemper.

Just now our shootists are on the qui vive for the Buffalo shoot.

We can't participate and carry off their prizes, but we can learn how to do it when our slow, old Quaker State comes up to the tournament scratch. That this may be soon is the wish of many besides.

PENN.

CLUB ELECTION.—The Gateway City Sportsmen's Club of LaCrosse, Wis., have elected the following officers: James Vincent, president; H. E. West, vice-president; C. E. Norbeck, secretary and treasurer. The club will strictly enforce the game law and offer rewards for conviction of all offenders.

The Horse.

Kentucky Association Spring Meeting.

On May 14th, the third day of the Spring meeting of the Kentucky Association the weather was cloudy and disagreeable, and the track deep and heavy from the hard rains that had prevailed the day and night before. The attendance, nevertheless, was good. There were two races on the card, the first a dash of a mile and a half, which was won by J. Henry Miller & Co.'s gray gelding Harry Peyton, and the second was mile heats, which was won by General Buford's chestnut colt McHenry.

The first race was a selling sweepstakes for all ages. One mile and a half. Closed with ten nominations, seven of which came to the post. These were J. Henry Miller & Co.'s gray gelding Harry Peyton, by Imp. Phaeton, 4 years; Withers & Owings, bay gelding Bill Dillon, by Tipperary, 5 years; T. J. Megibben's chestnut mare Emma C., by Planet, 6 years; James A. Grinstead's gray horse D'Artagnan, by Lightning, 6 years; J. T. Williams' bay gelding Short Line, by Lexington, 4 years; Lisle & Scully's bay gelding Jo Rodes, by Virgil, and Beatty, McClellan & Co.'s bay mare Tolono, by Phaeton, 6 years. In the pool selling, just previous to the start, Emma C. had the call in the betting, selling for \$100; D'Artagnan, \$80; Bill Dillon and Tolono, \$75 each, and all the others in a field for \$70. There were half-a-dozen breakaways before the flag fell for a start. Bill Dillon was in the lead, Jo Rodes second, Emma C. third, followed by Short Line, Harry Peyton, D'Artagnan and Tolono in the order named, D'Artagnan and Tolono were left at the post some time after the others started. As the horses ran past the stand at the completion of the first half-mile Bill Dillon was leading by a length, Emma C. second, Jo Rodes third, Harry Peyton fourth, Short Line fifth, D'Artagnan sixth, Tolono seventh. Entering the homestretch at the three-quarter pole Bill Dillon and Emma C. were running head and head, Harry Peyton a good third. About half way down the homestretch Harry Peyton lapped the leaders, and after a driving race won by a head, Bill Dillon second, a neck in front of Emma C. third. D'Artagnan finished fourth, Short Line fifth, Jo Rodes sixth, Tolono seventh. Time of the first mile, 1:52, and of the mile and a half, 2:52½.

The second race was a sweepstakes for three-year-olds which have never won a race prior to March 1, 1878; \$50 entrance, \$25 forfeit, \$150 added; second horse to receive \$50. Mile heats. Closed with nineteen nominations, five of which came to the post. These were General Buford's chestnut colt McHenry, by Enquirer; J. A. Grinstead's bay colt, by War Dance; E. E. Eagle's bay filly Fairy Queen, by Enquirer; George W. Bowen & Co.'s bay filly Belle Palmer, by imported Bonnie Scotland, and Stubbs & Redman's bay colt Ben Hadley, by Baywood.

First Heat.—Grinstead's colt had the call in the pool sales, fetching \$80, McHenry \$70, Fairy Queen \$60, Ben Hadley \$35, Belle Palmer \$28. The horses had an excellent start, with McHenry in the lead, Ben Hadley second, Grinstead's colt third, Belle Palmer fourth, Fairy Queen fifth. At the half-mile pole Grinstead's colt lapped McHenry, but entering the homestretch McHenry rushed to the front and came home an easy winner of the heat by two lengths, Ben Hadley second, a length in front of Grinstead's colt, third; Belle Palmer fourth, Fairy Queen fifth. Time, 1:54½.

Second Heat.—The betting was then 4 to 1 on McHenry over the field. The horses had a straggling start, with McHenry in the lead, who was passed on the turn by Grinstead's colt and Fairy Queen. This pair carried on the race to the three-quarter pole, when McHenry went up and passed them, and came home an easy winner of the heat and race by a length and a half. Grinstead's colt was second, two lengths in front of Fairy Queen, Belle Palmer and Ben Hadley distanced. Time, 1:54½.

On May 15, the fourth day, there was but little improvement in the track.

The first race was for a purse of \$300; \$150 to the first and \$50 to the second horse. One mile. This had but two starters. These were Mr. J. R. McKee's chestnut filly Waterwitch, by Asteroid, 3 years, and T. J. Megibben's chestnut colt Athol, by Glen Athol, 3 years. The betting was three to one on Waterwitch. The horses had an excellent start, Waterwitch in the lead, which she held throughout, coming away from Athol on the homestretch and winning in a canter by three lengths. Time, 1:52.

The second race was a selling purse of \$300. One mile and a quarter. There were seven entries, comprising J. A. Grinstead's chestnut colt by Brown Dick, 3 years; Withers & Owings' bay gelding Bill Saunders, by Bay Dick, 5 years; Lisle & Scully's bay gelding Lager Beer, by War Dance, 4 years; B. G. Thomas' bay filly Topic, by War Dance, 3 years; T. J. Megibben's chestnut mare Eleml, by Asteroid, 6 years; G. W. Bowen & Co.'s bay gelding Charlie Gorham, by Blarneystone, 4 years; Rolla Colston's gray colt Kinlock, by Phaeton, 4 years. At the second attempt the seven were sent away to a good start, Grinstead's colt leading. At the stand Bill Saunders led Lager Beer a length, the horses having been started at the head of the quarter-stretch. Topic was third, followed by Eleml, Grinstead's colt, Charlie Gorham and Kinlock, in the order named. Going around the turn Lager Beer went to the front, and at the quarter-pole led half a length, Bill Saunders second, Topic close up, third. At the half-mile pole Grinstead's colt was first, Bill Saunders second, Lager Beer third, the others close together. Grinstead's colt carried on the running round the upper turn, Charlie Gorham second, Kinlock third, and when entering the homestretch Gorham came away from the others and won by a length; Grinstead's colt second, half a length in front of Kinlock, Topic fourth, Eleml fifth, Bill Saunders sixth, Lager Beer seventh. Time of the first mile, 1:49½, and of the mile and a quarter, 2:17. The betting on this race just before the start was: Kinlock, \$100; Bill Saunders, \$70; Charlie Gorham, \$64; Grinstead's colt, \$45; Eleml and Topic, \$40 each, and Lager Beer, \$30.

The third race was for a purse of \$350; \$300 to the first and \$50 to the second horse. Mile heats. There were but two starters for this race. These were James Murphy's bay colt Edinburgh, by Longfellow, 4 years old, and F. B. Harper's bay filly Hyena, by Longfellow, 4 years old. The betting previous to the start was 4 to 1 on Edinburgh.

First Heat.—Hyena was in the lead at the start, and she kept in front of the quarter-pole, when Edinburgh passed her, was never headed, and won in a canter by two lengths. Time, 1:51½.

Second Heat.—No betting. Edinburgh jumped off with the lead, was never headed, and won as he liked by two lengths in 1:52.

On May 15th, the fifth day, a general rain turned the track into a sea of mud but the attendance was good. There were three races on the card; the first was the Phoenix Hotel Stakes for three-year-olds; \$100 entrance, \$50 forfeit, \$600 added; second horse to save its stake. One mile and three-quarters. Closed with twenty-seven nominations, four of which came to the post. These were B. G. Thomas' bay colt Himyar, by Alarm; A. Buford's chestnut colt McHenry, by Enquirer; G. D. Wilson's chestnut colt J. R. Swiney, by War Dance, and L. P. Tartan, Jr.'s, bay colt Solicitor, by Enquirer. Before the start Himyar sold in the pools at 2 to 1 over the field. When the flag fell J. R. Swiney was in front, McHenry second, Solicitor third and Himyar fourth. The colts had not gone over one hundred yards before Himyar rushed to the front, McHenry second, J. R. Swiney third, Solicitor fourth. Himyar was never afterward approached, and he won in a canter by six lengths, McHenry second, eight lengths in front of J. R. Swiney, Solicitor beaten 200 yards. Time, 2:24½.

The second race was the Colt and Filly Stakes for two-year-olds; \$50 entrance, \$25 forfeit, \$300 added; the second to save its stake. Three-quarters of a mile. Closed with thirteen nominations, eight of which came to the post. These were H. P. McGrath's chestnut filly Andax, by Tom Bowling; James A. Grinstead's bay filly Liahunah, by John Morgan; D. Swigert's chestnut filly LaFavorita, by Planet; A. Buford's bay colt Good Night, by Enquirer; G. W. Bowen & Co.'s bay filly Florence B., by Tom Bowling; James A. Grinstead's bay colt Athelstane, by John Morgan; G. W. Bowen & Co.'s chestnut colt Alec Grant, by Imp. Glen Athol, and J. G. Blow's gray colt Gabriel, by Alarm. In the pool sales previous to the start LaFavorita had the call, selling for \$120, Grinstead \$96, Andax \$60; the others, as a field, \$60. The youngsters had a straggling start. Goodnight got off with the lead, followed closely by Liahunah and Athelstane, Florence B. fourth, Alec Grant fifth, Andax sixth and LaFavorita seventh, forty yards behind Andax. The youngsters took closer order on the turn, and entering the homestretch Liahunah was still in the lead, Andax and LaFavorita second and third. After a driving race down the homestretch Andax won by a length, Liahunah second, two lengths in front of LaFavorita third, Goodnight fourth, Florence B. fifth, Athelstane sixth, Alec Grant seventh, Gabriel galloping in after the others had returned to scale, Time, 1:30½.

The third race was for a purse of \$360; \$300 to the first and \$50 to the

second horse. One mile and a quarter. There were for starters bay colt Edinburgh, by Longfellow, 4 years; grey colt Bill Bass, by Plantagenet, 4 years; chestnut filly Cammie F., by Gleneig, 3 years; bay gelding Jo Rodes, by Virgil, 3 years; bay colt Respond, by Enquirer, 3 years; bay filly St. Louis, by Longfellow, 3 years; bay filly Classmate, by Planet, 4 years; bay gelding Tampico, by Planet, 4 years; bay mare Tolono, by Phaeton, 6 years; bay filly Topic, by War Dance, 5 years. The betting previous to the start was 2 to 1 on Edinburgh against the field. After an hour's delay the lot was sent away to a good start, Bill Bass in the lead, Edinburgh second, Classmate third, the remainder bunched. The race soon resolved itself into a match between Edinburgh and Bill Bass, the latter leading a length until they reached the home stretch, where, after a driving race, Edinburgh beat Bill Bass a length. Cammie F. was twenty lengths off third, followed by Jo Rodes, Respond, St. Louis, Classmate, Tampico, Tolono and Topic in the order named. Time, 2:16½.

The meeting was brought to a close on May 17, with a good attendance. The track was deep with mud. Three races were run, Emma C. winning the first, Lager Beer the second and Chesapeake the third.

The first race was for the Consolation Purse of \$500, mile heats, for beaten horses; \$250 to the first and \$50 to the second horse; horses beaten once allowed 7 lbs; twice, 12 lbs; three times, 16 lbs. There were three starters, comprising gray colt Bill Bass, by Plantagenet, 4 years; chestnut mare Emma C., by Planet, 6 years, and chestnut gelding Tampico, by Planet, 4 years. In the pool sales previous to the race Bill Bass sold at even money against the field.

First Heat.—Emma C. jumped away in the lead, Bill Bass second, Tampico third. At the quarter-pole Bill Bass and Emma C. were head and head. The former was leading half a length at the half-mile pole, which he held, and won the heat by a length and a half, Emma C. second, Tampico distanced. Time, 1:51.

Second Heat.—Three to one on Bill Bass against the field. Emma C. darted off in front, Bill Bass' jockey yanking the horse all over the track. He was out of his distance at the quarter-pole, and was stopped, and the jockey turned him around on the lower turn. Emma C. came on and ran the mile in 1:56½. The judges then gave the purse to Emma C. and declared all bets off, and ruled Shelton, the rider of Bill Bass, off the course forever.

The second race was for a purse of \$250; \$200 to the first and \$50 to the second horse. One mile and a quarter. There were three starters consisting of chestnut mare Eleml, by Asteroid, six years; bay colt Allen Plukerton, by Glen Athol, 4 years; b g Lager Beer, by War Dance, four years. Eleml was the favorite in the pools just before the start, selling for \$100, Allen Plukerton \$90, Lager Beer \$30. The horses had a good start. Allen Plukerton in the lead, Eleml second, Lager Beer third. As the horses came to the stand, having been started at the head of the quarter stretch, Eleml was showing the way, Allen Plukerton second, Lager Beer a good third. Going around the turn nor at the quarter-pole did a length separate the trio; Eleml still leading. She kept in front to the half-mile pole, when she was passed by both Allen Plukerton and Lager Beer. The latter carried on the running into the homestretch and won the race by two lengths, Allen Plukerton second, four lengths in front of Eleml. Time, 2:31½.

The third race was for a purse of \$550; \$400 to the first, \$100 to the second, and \$50 to the third horse; two miles and an eighth. The starters for this race were bay horse Chesapeake, by Lexington, 6 years; bay gelding Bill Dillon, by Tipperary, 5 years. Chesapeake was the favorite at two to one. The pair went off together, nor half a length dividing them until they reached the lower turn on the last mile, when Chesapeake drew clear and increased the lead. He won the race by ten lengths, Bill Dillon second. Time, 4:15½.

Notwithstanding that the week has been a rainy one, the meeting has been most successful.

The officers of the Association have made further investigation about the pulling of Bill Bass in the consolation race, and have ruled J. G. Blow, the owner of the horse, and Louis Rigg, his trainer off the course forever.

ELMORE.—Our friend, Geo. B. Clason, has demonstrated by the sale of Royal Duke and Gift, for \$900, that, as a dog fancier, he is a success. But it seems that he has not lost his love for a good horse. He recently visited Kentucky where he purchased from W. H. Wilson, of Cynthiana, Ky., one of the precocious wonders of the Blue-grass country. The colt, which he has named Elmore, was sired by Goldsmith's Abdallah; his dam was Joe Downing, 2d dam by Star Highlander, 3d dam by Blackburn's Whip. Goldsmith's Abdallah, rich in the blood of Old Abdallah, was sire of Doubleday's Hickory, and several that can trot in twenties. Joe Downing sired Dick Jamieson, one of the fastest horses ever raised in Kentucky, purchased by Mr. Bonner, at a long price, but unfortunately died soon after becoming a prominent member of his peerless collection of horses. The rich quality of Elmore's breeding and the unusual speed development as a three-year-old justifies Mr. Clason in believing that, as a matured horse he will gain as much distinction among horses as Royal Duke did among dogs.

MOLLIE MCCARTHY IN CHICAGO.—The great California race mare Mollie McCarthy arrived in Chicago on May 30, en route from San Francisco to Louisville, and was taken to Field's stables on Michigan avenue, where preparations had been made for her in the way of a comfortable box stall. Mollie arrived in good condition, and seemed none the worse for her long journey. She is a dark bay in color, 15½ hands, and though in training since a two-year-old her legs are as clean as a colt's. In the preparatory training for the great four-mile race with Ten Broeck, at Louisville on the 4th of July, she will be trained by Mr. Henry Welch, and George Howson will be her jockey. Mr. Leonard Jerome offers to match Barricade against Mollie, to run four-mile heats at Jerome Park in October next for \$2,500 a side, \$1,000 forfeit. The owner of the California mare (Mr. Winters) will probably insist that, if a match should be made, it be for \$2,500 a side, play or pay.

THE NATIONAL TROTTING ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting of the Board of Review will be held at the Monongahela House, Pittsburgh, Pa., at 7 o'clock P.M., on Tuesday, June 11, 1878.

All communications intended for consideration of the board, at the above meeting, should be forwarded at once to the secretary.

The Board of Review is empowered to act in place of the full board, with the same authority and jurisdiction, and the above meeting is intended to serve the wants of all the districts.

Parties having unfinished business before either district board are requested to notify the secretary immediately, if they are prepared and desire to have a hearing of the same by the Board of Review at the above meeting.

GEORGE FORDHAM.—Is it the old and accomplished horseman, Geo. Fordham, that has lately made his appearance in the pig skin, or another one? The reason we query is, that this George rode Camembert in the Prince of Wales Stakes, at Epsom Spring meeting, at 106 pounds. Now, our memory plays us false if the great George could more than hardly scale 122 pounds a couple of years ago.

Rifle.

CHICAGO VS. WARREN.—The result of the match between the rifle-men of Warren, Ill., and the G. H. Thomas Post, of this city, resulted in a victory of the Chicago marksmen. But the Warren boys need not be down hearted on this account; it will take uncommon good shooting to defeat the crack team of G. H. Thomas Post. The average made by the best seven men of this club during the Chicago Field Badge contest was something extraordinary and away ahead of any such shooting hitherto made by any club in this country. Knowing this, however, the Warren men wanted to bar the five leaders in that contest but three only would be admitted barred by the post, who would not consent to such a crippling, so Lyman, Freeman and Shaffer, the three highest in that contest were counted out.

The result of the match is as below:

CHICAGO TEAM.

Capt. J. C. Borchardt	5 5 5 5 5 4 4 4 4 4 4 5
Capt. F. W. Borchardt	5 5 4 4 4 4 4 4 5 4 4 4
Capt. W. H. Chenoweth	5 5 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
Capt. S. M. Tyrrell	4 5 5 5 5 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
Lieut. B. J. Gleason	5 5 5 5 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
Col. L. H. Drury	3 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4

Total.....268

M. W. Lyman, captain.
Col. E. D. Swain, umpire.

WARREN TEAM.

F. S. Spaford	4 5 5 5 4 5 5 4 4 4 4 4
N. B. Post	5 5 4 4 4 4 4 4 5 4 4 4
H. W. Foss	5 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
J. C. Woodworth	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
A. H. Tatten	4 5 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
F. H. Cole	4 4 4 4 3 4 4 4 4 4 4 4

Total.....253

Dr. B. F. Crammer, captain.
W. L. Benson, umpire.

SOME FAIR WORK.—Boone, Iowa.—*Editor Chicago Field.*—Enclosed you will find score of our rifle club shoot for badge. 500 yards. Hill.....2 0 3 3 4 2 0 3 0 19
Haven.....0 5 3 3 0 4 2 0 2—26
Lowrie.....4 0 0 4 0 2 0 0 4—19
Hantz.....2 3 4 0 3 3 0 4 0—20
Cooke.....2 4 5 5 3 3 4 4 3—26
Wells.....5 4 3 3 2 2 3 3 5—31
McFarland.....2 3 3 3 4 3 0 0—22
Holmes.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0
300 yards, off hand.

Hill.....3 0 3 3 3 2 2 4 4 8—27
Haven.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0
Lowrie.....4 3 0 2 0 4 0 0 2—18
Hantz.....0 4 3 4 4 4 4 4 3—33
Cooke.....2 3 4 4 3 3 4 3 2—32
Wells.....4 3 4 0 3 4 4 4 3—33
McFarland.....0 0 0 2 0 3 0 3 0—8
Holmes.....3 4 3 0 4 3 3 2 3—27
This is the first time the club has ever shot these ranges, and the day was dark and strong northwest wind. R.V.L.

A CHALLENGE TO DR. CARVER.—Neenah, Wis., May 19, 1878.—*Editor Chicago Field.*—Seeing that Mr. Carver has challenged any man to shoot against him with a rifle, I have the authority to say that Mr. Nelson Lewis, 84 Congress street, Troy, N. Y., will accept his offer providing he will shoot off hand or rest any distance from ten rods to one mile strong measurement. Mr. Lewis states that the rifle not to weigh over 10½ pounds. Mr. Lewis will shoot with a muzzle-loader, weight 9½ pounds. Now, if Mr. Carver means business he can have the chance or any other man in the United States. Mr. Lewis has had over 1,000 challenges to defeat shooters in the country and to Maj. Fulton and all the Creedmoor men. I wish Mr. Carver would drop Lewis a letter. He can be accommodated soon as he wants to shoot. Mr. Lewis will put up \$100 forlorn any time.

Mr. Editor please give this a place in your paper, as I am a reader of the Chicago Field, also Forest and Stream. I will give my name so you can sign my name to the document; this is business, not bragado. If you see Mr. Carver please state it to him. Mr. Lewis has a target which he made in a match at Boston, which he offers any man in the country \$10 any time that he will equal it, providing they give him \$2 every time they don't. Mr. Lewis shot two matches a few years ago with James, of Utica, for \$5,000. CHARLES C. BERRY.

GENERAL DAKIN'S DEATH.—Chicago, May 18, 1878.—*Editor Chicago Field.*—The following on the death of General Dakin was resolved by our post: G. S. Schermerhorn, Jr., Secretary, National Rifle Association, New York.

DEAR SIR:—At a special meeting of the George H. Thomas Post, G. A. R. Rifle Club, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: Resolved, That this club has heard with deep regret of the death of General Thomas S. Dakin, who has done so much to make the name of American riflemen conspicuous throughout the world, and we hereby tender our respectful sympathy to the family, and to the association with which he was immediately connected.

Resolved, That the secretary be directed to forward a copy of these resolutions to your association, and request you to forward them to the family of the deceased. Yours respectfully, M. W. LYMAN, Acting Secretary.

RIFLE AT MILWAUKEE.—On Friday, May the 10th, W. Frank Hyde a member of the International Rifle Association, being in the city, the members of the Milwaukee Rifle Club concluded to go out to their range and have a friendly practice with him. The day was raw, windy, and disagreeable, and the score made quite as good as could be expected. Following is the result, 1,000 yards, 15 shots each, or a possible 75: Hyde, 62; Hill, 60; Fielding, 68; Yale, 57; Bangs, 66; Wells, 54; Markham, 52; Drake, 49. Mr. Hyde made the highest score, and one in the estimation of the Milwaukee boys accordingly. BLUE JAY.

CHICAGO VS. WARREN.—The Warren, Ill., riflemen are not quite satisfied with their defeat by the Chicago team, and thinking they can do better have called for a second round, Chicago to shoot with the same team, Warren to select two new men if desired. A series of weekly matches between these two clubs is talked of.

Answers to Correspondents.

KENNEL.

CHILL SHOT.—About three weeks since some small sores broke out on my three months old puppy. I thought I had cured him, but a few days after I noticed a bare spot on his fore leg, and in spite of all I can do this keeps spreading. As it spreads, little reddish spots appear. He does not scratch nor does the place seem to annoy him. What can I do for him? Ans.—My treatment prescribed for Jay, and in addition feed some vegetables and give five drops of Fowler's Solution twice a day for a week.

A. H. S. Marshall.—Will you tell me how to get rid of a tape worm in a dog three years old. I have tried areka nut several times but it does not work? Ans.—Keep the dog without food for twenty-four hours then give thirty drops of spirits of turpentine in a teaspoonful of olive oil. Six hours after give a dose of salts. Repeat in three days if necessary but do not give the turpentine without the oil as it is very irritating to the kidneys.

JAY, Franklin.—My dog has a spot on the back of his head the size of a silver dollar, from which a mass of solid gummy puss comes out. It does not look sore but annoys the dog very much as he keeps up a continual shaking of the head. There are also a few small scabby sores on the neck. What can I do for him? Ans.—By washing the parts with common solution carbolic acid (one part acid to thirty-two of water) several times a day.

J. P.—Please let me know what I can color white spots dark brown on a dog with, to use him for ducks, so he won't show so plain? Ans.—We don't know any process. Consult your barber.

VETERINARY.

SUBSCRIBER, Jefferson City, Mo.—I have a yearling colt who has a swelling of the hock just in front. It feels like a wind-gall; produces no lameness nor soreness. It is what I understand to be bag spavin. There has been no strain or hurt that I could ascertain. It has been about three weeks since it came. I have been rubbing it twice a week with corrosive sublimate, turpentine, cantharides and linseed oil—not strong enough to blister. Is it curable, and what must I do for it. Ans.—Foment it with hot water, rub dry and apply some of the following liniment once a day: Take of iodine and iodide of potassium, one drachm each; alcohol one ounce; liquor ammonia one ounce; spirits of camphor one ounce and a half, and glycerine to make four ounces; mix and apply with lots of hard rubbing. Give the colt perfect rest for a couple of weeks and bandage the hock moderately tight with a gum bandage six feet long and five inches wide. Keep him on soft food. Continue the bandaging for a month or so.

JOHN, Virden, Ill.—Will you tell me what to do for my mare; she has a very bad cold, runs a good deal from the nose, and has a very painful cough. She eats some, but not so well as usual. Her mouth is quite hot, and her hair looks bad, has been so about a week. She is six years old and in good flesh. Ans.—Put the mare in comfortable quarters, put on a blanket, and feed on scalded oats. Have a mixture made as follows: Take of spirits of nitre three ounces, powdered gentian root one ounce and a half, ammonium carbonate and nitrate of potash one ounce each, fluid extract of belladonna one ounce, and water to make one quart, mix, and give two ounces three times a day in half a pint of water in a bottle or horn.

FISH.

MORT, Grayville, Ill.—I find in the Wabash and its tributaries many fish, some of which are new to me; among them is one that resembles the rock or striped bass, *Roccus lineatus*, of salt water, what is it? Ans.—You give us but little to judge from. It may be the "short-striped" or "brassy bass," *Morone interrupta*, or, the "white, or striped lake bass," *Roccus chrysops*. The former is silvery with interrupted black stripes, fin rays as follows: 1st dorsal nine hard, 2d dorsal one hard, and thirteen soft; anal, three hard and nine soft rays, is found in the Mississippi valley chiefly southward. The latter fish also has its stripes "so interrupted and transposed as to appear like ancient church music." The fin formula is: First dorsal nine hard, second one hard and twelve soft, anal three hard and thirteen soft found in the great lakes, Upper Mississippi valley and North Jordan. In future please give us this, as well as general appearance, but in this case you can decide by comparing the fish with this; if they do not agree, write again with full particulars.

TRAP SHOOTING.

B. KROBACQUA.—In glass ball shooting under Bogardus rules, and pigeon shooting under National rules is the shooter allowed to level his gun as soon as he can after he calls "pull," or must he wait until the trap is sprung? Ans.—Under Bogardus' rules he can raise the gun the moment he calls pull. We know of no National rules except the rules for the National Championship Badge rules and under these the bird must be on the wing.

MISCELLANEOUS.

O. A. R., Cleveland, O.—The back numbers you require can not be furnished.

Sportsmen's Fixtures for 1878.

Philadelphia Notes.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

While writing of the manufacture of shot, I add a tabulated statement of a test of the comparative penetration of Sparks' soft and chilled shot, which took place in the presence of a number of our sportsmen curious as to the result:

One of our amateur shots has lately been astonishing the professionals of Philadelphia by beating the best of them at their sweepstake matches. It astonishes Klefintz and Gernuna, and they can not account for it. Nichols & Lefever are the manufacturers of the gun he uses, which is gaining ground rapidly in Philadelphia.

The snipe season now over has been very poor in the neighborhood of our city this Spring, owing to the extreme dampness of the meadows. Scarcely any one has reported even passable bags. Bay bird shooting is just about entering in, of which I will write you anon. Whenever I think of this sport, dear Editor, I am reminded of the glorious shooting you and I enjoyed on that famous sand spit of mine at Long Branch. May we have it again is the wish of
HOMO.

SCOLOPAX WILSONII.—Le Roy, Ill.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—While enjoying myself in reading your valuable paper, which comes to gladden our hearts every week, I find a short article from "Veritas," denouncing the title of jack snipe, and wishing to know what a jack snipe really is. Friend, "Veritas," I congratulate you on your being the first to come into print on this subject, for we sportsmen, and more especially ornithologists, ought to be very particular in our nomenclature, for the amount of local names which are applied to birds generally are calculated to mislead and retard us in the great and noble study of ornithology, for in this advanced age of scientific exploration and progression we ought to throw overboard all local names, half of which have no meaning and tend to lead us astray. The jack snipe is not the *Scolopax wilsonii*, for that bird is identical with the English snipe, with one exception. It has two feathers more in the tail than its European cousin; and Wilson being the first to discover this gave it the name of *S. wilsonii*. The jack snipe is purely a European bird, and is found throughout the

British Isles, especially in England and Ireland. Its habits differ a good deal from the other snipes. It is solitary, and you rarely find more than one or two in a day's shooting, even on good snipe ground. You may find them as a rule if anywhere in a thick, rushy spot at the end of a willow patch, and having once found one and failed to kill, you will find him on your return, although he generally gives you two or three shots before he leaves. Upon the same patch of rushy, marshy ground the same jack snipe may be found day after day in spite of right and left of some indifferent shot. Up rises the little bird (I think I can see him now) from its covert turning and twisting swiftly through the air, escaping charge after charge, and after a wide whirl or two down he comes again, often within a few yards from where he was flushed. He is from one-third to two-fifths the size of a *Scelopax Wilsonii*, almost the same color with a brighter reddish-brown color on back, beak rather shorter, and a perfect little gem of a bird. The difficulty of hitting this twisting and twirling little bird puts me in mind of a good story. An English gentleman who had been a slave to the rheumatism for a long time, which prevented his walking out any distance, and being exceedingly fond of shooting, but a fearful bad shot, found one day a jack snipe close to his house in a patch of rushes at the edge of his fish pond; and after this he went regularly every morning and got his two or three shots for several months, until at last by a lucky or unlucky shot he killed it, took it home, had it stuffed and placed in his library. Next morning he went as usual, but no jack snipe was here, and he deeply lamented the loss of a bird which he was always sure of finding in the same place, and had afforded him constant amusement and excitement nearly the whole winter.

F. H. YORKE.

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MORE ABOUT SNEAK HUNTING—THE OTHER SIDE.—St. Louis, Mo.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—I am sitting on the edge of a camp chair the rear of which is occupied by a three months old setter; if the pup keeps still for ten minutes I'll say a few words to "Dead Shot."

"Dead Shot," you are certainly a very selfish sportsman; you seem to think that all the game birds of the land were sent here for the sole benefit of a select few crack shots, who, having plenty of time to practice and plenty of money wherewith to purchase glass balls and fine guns, become very expert wing shots—dead shots in fact—and with their well trained dogs are fast depopulating the country of these self same game birds you charge upon the occasional hunter; you call him a "sneak," the crime of murdering or slaughtering with rapidity all the game we love to seek. These occasional hunters—many of whom could not hit a barn door at thirty yards—go out for a day's real sport and fun and for a mess of game. Suppose their outfit is a \$10 outfit—a pot metal gun perhaps, and purchased for the occasion. They have no fine dogs, in fact would not know what to do with well trained dogs. They go gunning for sport and not for slaughter by wholesale, and I say, friend "Dead Shot," that these men are sportsmen—true sportsmen in every sense of the word—while thus engaged, and so far as the slaughter of birds goes, very few of these "sneaks" kill more game than they carry home and eat. On the other hand there are a set of men in this country calling themselves sportsmen, whose articles on "pot-hunting," "sneak-hunting," etc., etc., oft repeated in the CHICAGO FIELD, show them up to be anything but liberal minded gentlemen, if they have any claim for standing among sportsmen. Every honest, hard-working farmer, every merchant, clerk or student who takes it into his head to enjoy a day in the field or wood, and taking with him his gun or borrowed gun, shoots a quail or chicken sitting, not having sufficient confidence in himself to try a fancy shot, perhaps never having heard of such a thing as wing shooting, is set down by "Dead Shot" a "sneak" and held up for ridicule and condemnation. Now-a-days men claiming distinction as sportsmen stake their reputation on the size of their daily bags, boasting of the hundreds of birds killed daily and perhaps thrown by the wayside to rot. This class of sportsmen are loud in their "pot-hunting" chorus, desiring over their well-trained dogs to kill off what little game is left before the "sneak" has time to find a rest.

JUSTICE.

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HOMO TO T. S. V. D.—Philadelphia, Pa.—*Editor Chicago Field*:—I have read the communication of T. S. V. D. relative to the black brant in your issue of May 4, and, with due respect to him as a fellow sportsman, I am positive, without seeing the skin referred to, that it was taken from the *Anser brenta*, the common brant, and also that he is mistaken as to the black brant—*Bernicla nigricans*—being common (if at all) on the Western coast. I am well aware that the *Anser brenta* is plentiful on the Pacific side, and is the variety he refers to.

The difference in the markings between the two is so slight few would notice it unless versed in ornithology. They are identical in their habits, both strictly salt water loving birds, and never going inland. So when T. S. V. D. writes: "This bird never comes inland here," and again says, "There have been numbers of the common brant twelve miles inland on the El Casson Valley," I am convinced he is mistaken, and *his* common brant is the white-fronted goose or the Hutchins goose, "weighing four pounds," just the weight of the last mentioned birds. Will T. S. V. D. be so kind as to write to the CHICAGO FIELD a description of *his* common brant, and will not the CHICAGO FIELD kindly publish the drawing of the *Anser brenta* it has?

The black on the head, neck and breast of the black brant extends nearly, if not entirely, to the vent, while his near relative, the common brant, has it only down to the upper breast; the former is slightly darker all over, and weighs a half to three-quarters of a pound more. The black brant of T. S. V. D. is our common brant, and his common brant is the white-fronted goose or the Hutchins goose.

Номо.

REORGANIZED.—Missouri Valley, Ia.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—In my last I wrote you that there was strong talk of reorganizing the sportsmen's club of this place; now I am happy to state that it has become a reality. On May 1st the members met and reorganized a new club out of the old "Missouri Valley Sportsmen's Club." The new club is to be known as the "Missouri Valley Gun Club," and the officers elected for the ensuing year were: president, J. D. Brown; vice president, Dr. E. J. Chapman; secretary, W. C. Ellis; treasurer, E. F. James. The officers of the club compose the executive committee. The club have taken steps to join the State Association, and we hope to see many more clubs in the state take the same course. Wild geese in large quantities have been going north, following up the Missouri river, for the last three days, which rather surprised most every one, for they were thought to have all gone before this; but the oldest inhabitant don't know all about the goose yet.

QUINNEBAUG.

NOTES FROM ELWOOD, IND.—*Editor Chicago Field*.—There are more quails in this locality at this time than have been for the last ten years; with a good breeding season we expect excellent quail shooting this Fall. Our quail shooting last season was good. Snipe shooting was poor this Spring, in fact it never amounts to much here. There is an unusual number of hawks nesting in the timber in this locality. The boys are having fun shooting them out of the nest with the rifle.

A. CHAMNESS.

A. CHAMBERS.

JACK SNIPE.—Fort Dodge, Ia.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—The term Jack snipe is not so irrelevant as your correspondent imagines, being a distinctive name for a peculiar species about half the size, but otherwise perfectly resembling the ordinary scolopex found in India and Ireland, where I have shot hundreds, always solitary, and takes very short flights. Hence from the number of points obtained on a single bird much used in training dogs.

The word has crept into use in America as a sort of necessity to emphatically distinguish the *S. Wilsoni* from the multitude of waders universally called snipe.

W. L. NICHOLSON.

A NEW CLUB.—Middlebury, Ind.—*Editor Chicago Field*.—It has been so long since I wrote you that I am most ashamed of myself, but sporting news is stale here at present. We have organized a gun club for the protection of game and the advancement of field sports. We wish to claim the name of "The Hoosier Gun Club of Middlebury, Ind." The officers are: Chas. Hughes, President; James Allie, Vice President; A. M. Elliott, Treasurer; D. C. Hostetter, Secretary.

Snipes are very scarce here. Quail, ruffed grouse and ducks are nesting.

WESTON.

2 DROWNED OUT.—Wooster, O.—*Editor Chicago Field*.:—The recent heavy rains have destroyed nearly all the woodcock nests in this section of the country. Have found several nests that were deserted, and eggs spoiled. Quail very plenty and indicate a very large crop the coming season. Snipe have all disappeared.

JOHN BOLUS.

LAW WANTED.—Dallas, Texas.—*Editor Chicago Field*:—We ought to have a game law here. Saw 110 old chickens in one wagon to-day.

HUNTER.

BY FRED MATHER.

Whitebait.

Since our last article on the supposed discovery of this fish in New York waters, there has been no new developments, and we are waiting the capture of a quantity by the fisherman in Mr. Blackford's employ. Arrangements are all made to have them served up at the New York cooking school under the personal direction of its accomplished principal, Miss Juliette Corson. In the meantime while the scientists are sharpening their scalps in hopes of a goodly number for dissection, and the gastronomers are whetting their appetites in anticipation of a whitebait dinner, we will look up what is said about it in England by scientists and *gourmets*.

Bertram, "Harvest of the Sea," 1869, says: "As another example of our ignorance of fish life, I may instance that diminutive member of the clupea family—the whitebait. This fish which is so much better known gastronomically than it is scientifically, was thought at one time to be found only in the Thames, but it is much more generally diffused than is supposed. It is found for certain, and in great plenty, in three rivers, viz., the Thames, the Forth, and the Hamble. I have also seen it taken out of the Humber, not far from Hull, and have heard of its being caught near the mouth of the Deveron, on the Moray Firth; and likewise of its being found in plentiful quantities off the Isle of Wight. Mr. Stewart, the natural history draughtsman, tells me also that he has seen that fish taken in bushels on many parts of the Clyde, and that at certain seasons, while engaged in taking coal fish, he has found them so stuffed with whitebait that by holding the large fish by the tail the little silvery whitebait have fallen out in handfulls. The whitebait has become celebrated from the mode in which it is cooked, and the excuse it gives Londoners for an afternoon's excursion, as also from its forming a famous dish at the annual fish-dinner of her Majesty's ministers; but truth compels me to state that there is nothing in whitebait beyond its susceptibility of taking on a flavor from the skill of the cook. It is poor feeding when compared to a dish of sprats, or (an illegal) fry of young salmon. It has been said in joke that an expert cook can make up capital whitebait by means of flour and oil! But to eat whitebait is a fashion of the season, and the well served tables of Greenwich and Blackwall taverns, with their pleasant outlook to the river, and their inducements of chablis and other choice wines and comestibles, are undoubtedly very attractive, whether the persons partaking of these dainties be ministers of state or merchant's clerks.

The whitebait, however, if I cannot honestly praise it as a table fish, is particularly interesting as an object of natural history, there having been from time to time, as in the case of most other fish, some very learned disputes as to where it comes from, how it grows, and whether or not it be a distinct member of the herring family or the young of some other fish. The whitebait is a tiny animal, varying in length, when taken for cooking purposes, from two to four inches, and has never been seen of a greater length than five inches. In appearance it is pale and silvery, with a greenish back, and ought to be cooked immediately after being caught; indeed if, like Lord Lovat's salmon, whitebait could leap out of the water into the frying pan, it would be a decided advantage to those dining upon it, for if kept even for a few hours these fish become deteriorated, and as a consequence, require all the more cooking to bring the flavor up to the proper pitch of gastronomic excellence. Perhaps, as all fish are chameleon-like in reflecting not only the color of their abode, but what they feed on as well, the supposed fine flavor of whitebait, so far as it is not conferred upon that fish by the cook, may arise from matter held in solution in the Thames water, and so the result from the corrupt source of the supply may be a quicker than ordinary decay.

The waters of the Forth at the whitebait ground—a little way above Inchgarvie, where the sprat-fishing is usually carried on, * * * are clean and clear, and the whitebait taken there are in consequence slightly different in color, and greatly so in taste, from those obtained in the Thames; in fact, all kinds of fish, including salmon, are able to live and thrive in the Firth of Forth. It is long since the refined salmon forsook the Thames, but then salmon are very delicate in their feeding, and at once take on the surrounding flavor, whatever that may be. * * * Returning, however, to our whitebait, it may be stated that that fish was once thought to be the young of the shad. * * *

The shad was at one time thought to be the patriarch of the herring tribe; and it was said in the days when the old theory about the migration of the herring was believed in, that the great shoals which came to this country from the icy seas of the high latitudes were led on their wonderful tour by a few thousand of this gigantic fish. Pennant conjectured that whitebait was an independant species; but so difficult is it to investigate such facts in the water, that it was not till many years had elapsed, that the question was set at rest so far as to determine at any rate that whitebait were not the young of either the allice or the twaite shad, which, by the by, are coarse and insipid fish. As yet I have never at any season of the year found an example of whitebait containing either milt or roe, although it is said examples

may be taken full of both during the early Winter months. This of course is not conclusive evidence of its being the young of some other fish, although its never being found with mill or roe would go some length in proving it a distinct species. What was only hinted at in the first edition of this work, namely, that whitebait were young herrings, may at length be asserted as truth. Dr. Gunther has determined this fact pretty conclusively. Not wishing to be dogmatic, I refrained from giving my own opinion on the question of the whitebait mystery, and it may sound quite a second-hand opinion now to say that I thoroughly agree in the conclusion arrived at by Dr. Gunther, and published in the 7th volume of the *Catalogue of Fishes* in the British Museum. My argument as to the whitebait was contained in the very simple question: "Where are the parent fish?" I never yet saw a whitebait that was more than half the size of a sprat. But the whitebait of a London tavern, it must be kept in mind, are generally a mixture of the fry of many different fishes, and the fish known as whitebait at Blackwall may not be the fish known as whitebait at Queensferry! So much for this tavern celebrity. Whitebait are now usually caught between Gravesend and Woolwich, and are in their best season between April and September."

In his report of the "United States Commission of Fish and Fisheries, 1873 to '75," Professor Spencer F. Baird, in a foot note to an article on "the Herring and Herring Fisheries on the west coast of Sweden," by Axel Vilhelm Ljungman, says: "The *Clupea alba* (subsequently called by Valenciennes *Rogenia alba*) was established by Yarrell for the celebrated 'whitebait' of English gourmands, but has been satisfactorily demonstrated to be nothing more than the young of the herring."

Prof. Taylor, in writing of English aquaria, says: "Mr. Saville Kent, at the Manchester aquarium, has contributed towards the history of the common herring from its young state. Dr. Gunther, the well known ichthyologist, had already declared his belief that by far the greater part of 'whitebait' consisted of the fry of herrings. If this is so, then in consuming them so recklessly we are interfering with the chief fish food of the common people. Mr. Lloyd (who was the first to keep whitebait in London in 1858) and others had experienced a difficulty in herring culture. In consequence of the migratory habits of these fish they often injured themselves by dashing against the glass or the rockwork of the tank in which they were kept. As they move about principally by night, it struck Mr. Kent to illuminate the tank by a feeble light, so that the outlines of the walls, rocks, etc., should be visible to the fish. This plan succeeded admirably, and by its aid Mr. Kent kept and fed whitebait until they had grown to half the size of ordinary herring. At the time he made this announcement the fish were eighteen months old. He obtained his specimens in a very young state. The only person who has hatched out young herrings in aquaria is Mr. Stephenson, of Brixton."

As stated in our former article they have been kept in several public aquaria, and in each case grew into unmistakable herrings.

Mr. Brevoort it seems inclines to the opinion that they may be distinct as Yarrell claimed, but the general opinion of ichthyologists is adverse, as we have shown. It is too soon yet to get an opinion from the Smithsonian, and in fact they are waiting for more specimens, as Prof. Baird in acknowledging the receipt of the few specimens sent by Mr. Blackford, said that the scales were all gone, and they are important, according to Yarrell, and requested more, recommending bottles of alcohol to be taken in the boat, and the fish plunged in immediately on capture.

We will not be surprised to hear that they are young shad or alewives.

A WHITEBAIT DINNER.—The ink had scarcely dried on the above article before we received an invitation to a "Press Excursion" over the New York and Manhattan Beach Railway, to the new and fashionable seaside resort, Manhattan Beach, as the lower end of Coney Island has been called.

Accompanying the invitation was a note saying that a whitebait dinner would be served at the new hotel, and of course we accepted with pleasure; and so, on the day named, May 15, we took the steamer from pier 8, North river, to Green point, and then a twenty-five minute ride brought us to the beach. About seventy persons were present, among whom were Gen. Winslow, of Brooklyn; Mr. D. C. Corbin, the managing director of the Beach company; Mr. E. G. Blackford, of Fulton market; Mr. Charles Hallock, of *Forest and Stream*; Mr. Samuel Glenn, of the New York *Herald*; Mr. Barnet Phillips, secretary American Fish Cultural Association; Mr. Moulton, secretary Manhattan Beach Company; Mr. Cummings, the ichthyological luminary of the New York *Sun*, and others. The dinner was a very elegant affair, and although we did justice to it at the time, we cannot do it now. The main points were the "Whitebait" and the Connecticut river salmon.

In the first, though nicely served, as at Richmond, with *tartines* of black bread, lemon juice and red pepper, and accompanied by Chablis, the correct thing to drink with them, we must say that we were disappointed, and agree with Bertram that they are characterless, lacking the flavor of the smelt, and only having such as was imparted by the flour, fat and condiments.

The Connecticut salmon was all that a fine fresh run salmon could be, and no praise of ours will add to this kind of fish.

The dinner was enlivened by Grafulla's celebrated band of twenty pieces, and the speeches of Messrs. Corbin, Moulton, Cummings and others, and the remarks of Mr. Phillips on the correct position of the "whitebait" among the fishes.

And so passeth into ichthyopagic history the first whitebait dinner in America.

Centuries hence, when the antiquarian is searching among the ruins of the office of the CHICAGO FIELD and finds a bill of fare printed in blue and gold having in large letters in the centre of a French *menu* these words, "WHITEBAIT, GREENWICH STYLE," served for the first time in America, by the courtesy of E. G. Blackford, Fulton market, New York," he will prepare a learned lecture which will prove that the English language was understood by many Americans, and triumphantly produce his proof.

The Perfect Rod.

MANCHESTER, VT.

EDITOR CHICAGO FIELD:—At your request I give you a few of my ideas of a "fly rod." The materials of which a rod is made are of the first importance. I think for the butt, fine, well-seasoned, second-growth ash is the best, because it is light, elastic, strong, and is not apt to warp. For the second joint and tips I consider lancewood better than anything else. I have tried many woods, but fail to find anything better. Hornbeam is not elastic enough, except now and then a stick. It grows in Vermont in great abundance and perfection, and is exceedingly good for heavy rods. It is a well-known fact that many kinds of wood are elastic when in large pieces, but when cut down to two or three grains they lose their elasticity, and after being bent several times will remain so, and never again have that fine, steel-like spring.

Bamboo has all the qualities for a fine rod, but all bamboo is not elastic, and it is not easy to tell until made into a joint a good piece from a poor one. Again, when a good piece of bamboo is cut into strips and glued together, much of the real elasticity is lost; still not so much but that if it could be made to

stay perfectly it would make the finest kind of rod, but the great trouble with the split bamboo rods is that they are so very liable to get out of order. The least portion of varnish off and the water gets into the glue, and your fine split bamboo is useless, and of all the rods to repair a split bamboo is the worst; nothing short of a new joint will make a good job, satisfactory either to the owner or maker. Then, again, a split bamboo will not bear to be stepped upon any more than any other fly-rod, and when such an accident does happen, there goes \$40!—enough to purchase four \$10 fly-rods—one to step on, two to make glad the hearts of your friends, and a good rod left, all for the same money. I received a letter from a celebrated salmon fisher, in which he says: "I have never yet found a varnish that will entirely keep the moisture from the glue of split bamboo."

Greenheart, a wood of which much has been said and written, is a wood that has many good qualities, but some not so good. It is very elastic, with a steel-like spring, very quick and sharp, and a rod made of this wood in the hands of many fishermen will do splendid work; but it is apt to warp out of shape after the rod is all made, which perhaps does not really hurt the rod for work, but it does not please the eye of "ye fisherman." The great trouble with greenheart is to get that which is of good quality. I have had five different lots, and the last lot is the best I have ever had, and I have made some rods of it which have done good service. I do not exactly endorse greenheart nor condemn it. If any one wants a greenheart rod I shall be glad to make it for him, and will try my best not to put a poor piece of wood into it.

Paddlewood is, I believe, a new wood for rods. I have just received a sample log. It is a beautiful wood, of a fine pink color, very fine grained, hard, and finishes up very handsome. I think it will prove a splendid wood for rods. It will certainly make a very beautiful rod. I shall very soon get a rod out of it, and try it myself, and will write you what I think of its qualities.

A single handed fly rod, one for general use, should be about as follows: ten to eleven feet long and in three joints or pieces, of course if it were convenient to carry a rod in one piece from ten to eleven feet long about the country, that would be the perfect rod, but as that is out of the question, we make them in pieces, and after trying all numbers I have decided on three as the best. Four loads down the rod with too much metal and is but little more compact, besides the more ferules the more liable is it to get out of order; a rod in two pieces is very objectionable, as in the centre there is dead weight or a stiff place which a ferule would cause. It appears to me that a rod from ten to eleven feet long springs about right in each joint when in three pieces, anyone will notice that the butt of a good three-jointed rod springs in proportion to the rest of the rod, which would not be the case if in four joints, as the ferule would be just where the spring should be. The great fault of many fly rods is that the butt is much too stiff which quality makes the rod cast a line by the spring of the second joint and tips; this makes casting hard work, and throws the strain on the weakest parts of the rod. Those rods which are made so very heavy in the butt must be made so light in the second joint and tips in order to cast a line at all, that it makes the matter a great deal worse. It is no sign of a good rod that the tips are worked down to the size of a knitting needle; better leave the tips as large as possible without spoiling the balance of the rod. All the strength is wanted that can be retained. A fine fly rod should be so constructed that there is no weak spot that can possibly be avoided. It should spring evenly from tip to hand, and should, by all means be stiff enough in the second joint to "take up" quickly and finely when the fisherman "strikes" at "a rise." These weak-backed rods, which, because one can bend them double, are supposed to be just the thing, are very nice for show, but I can cut a tag alder which will do the same thing, and yet not be much of a fly rod. What we want is a light, elastic, even-springing rod strong as possible, with the least amount of timber in it to make it so; one that will cast a line with ease and accuracy and at the slightest touch pick up the line quickly, as I believe in "striking" your fish and not waiting for the fish to do it for you. I think the weight should be from eight to ten ounces. Most men ought to be able to handle such a rod all day and return to camp happy if they had luck, and not grumble if the contrary was true. The ferules and mountings should be of German silver, because it is strong, stiff and will not corrode and trouble about getting the rod apart. The ferules should be well fitted, the outside ferule driven on the wood firmly, about one-half its length. The inside ferules should be so fitted as to just enter the others and go snugly all the way, to make it fit perfectly tight and firm. The end of the inside ferule or the end of the joint *should not be made with a dovetail* tapering portion to fit into a hole or socket in the wood of the other joint, as if it does fit (which is not often the case) it is a contrivance to throw the rod apart, and if it does not fit it is a great damage done to the rod, as the water gets into the socket and the wood soon loses its strength and breaks short off at the end of the ferule. I know this is against the practice of most rod makers, except myself, and they say a rod will not stay together without the dovetail piece. All I have to say is, I know better. I have made rods over twenty years and never in a single instance have I had a complaint about my rods casting apart. I don't think much of a rod which has to have loops arranged on each ferule so that the joints can be tied together with a piece of silk. This is the English style, and I think the dovetail piece a part of the same kind of work. There are but few, even with good sportmen, who think much about the care of a rod when not in use; they will rub, oil, polish, put in a nice, dry cloth case and then in a leather case, their fine, bouble breech loader, or pet rifle and watch it with the utmost care, that not a speck of rust may form on the finely finished surface, which is all right—I do the same; but what kind of care do they give their nice fly rod just purchased? This is it, they thrash away, expecting they can take any kind of fish trout, bass, pickerel, suckers, eels, almost anything that has fins, and if the rod breaks, they say: "That man put a poor piece of timber into that rod. I'll never buy another rod at that place again." They will get the sack to their rod wet, and after fishing all day, they don't think to straighten each joint carefully, but into the wet sack it goes; they tie it up tight as possible, jump into the carriage and off, get home, hurry into their good clothes, go down to supper, tell over the day's sport, and so through the season, the last day the same as the first. Then the rod is, perhaps, put on top of a book case or high shelf, in a house warmed by a furnace; anywhere out of reach, "so the children won't get it." Next Spring they overhaul their tackle and think it very strange that the "nice fly rod" looks so shabby; perhaps they put it together and it rattles and cracks and perhaps snaps, then they are "cheated again; poor timber, badly put together," etc., etc. Gentlemen, please keep the sack to your rod dry, straighten each joint before placing it in the sack, tie lightly so as not to crook the tips and second joint, and by all means do not put your rod away when the season is over without seeing that it is in good order, straight, dry, etc., then put it in a cool, dry place, and your rod will not disappoint you when you take it out in the Spring.

I will say only one thing more, it is this: I do not think anyone can make a good fly rod, except he is a good fisherman himself.

C. F. ORVIS.

The Voices of Crustaceans.

Among our "Small Fry" we recently noticed the "calling apparatus" of the "Bermuda lobster," as shown to us in Bermuda by Prof. Goode, whom we were fortunate in meeting there, and we are now pleased to reproduce his article on this subject, published in the "Proceedings of the National Museum, 1878:"

The observations of Mr. Saville Kent and Mr. J. Wood Mason ("Nature," vols. xvi. p. 565, and xvii. p. 11), recall to mind some similar facts recently noted by me in the Bermudas.

Several species of *Alpheus* were observed to have the power of producing loud clicked sounds. Two or three of the larger species are accustomed to lurk under flat stones near low-water mark. Some of these are two inches long. When one of them is taken between the fingers by an inexperienced collector, the sudden, convulsive snap almost invariably causes him to drop it. The effect is like that of a sharp blow across the knuckles. Some smaller species of the genus are found only in the cavities of a large aplysine sponge, abundant on the reefs. I have picked out seventy or eighty from a fragment of sponge not more than three inches in diameter. When the sponge is taken in the hand, the quick succession of clickings reminds one of the sound of instruments in a large telegraph office. When one of these animals is put in an earthen or glass vessel, it makes a much louder noise, resembling a quick tap with the finger-nail or the back of a knife upon the edge of the same vessel. This noise is produced by a convulsive snapping of the last joint of the large claw, by a movement resembling that of the spring-beetles (*Elateridae*), and the sounds are quite similar. Possibly these movements may have a protective object, enabling the little decapods to escape from the grasp of enemies, or to work out from under the stones and loose sand in which they most often become buried.

Another macrurous crustacean, *Gonodactylus chitragra*, known to the Bermudians as the "split-thumb," from its power of wounding by a sharp appendage of the larger claws, produces a viciously sharp, snapping noise, apparently in the same manner with *Alpheus*.

The "Bermuda lobster" (*Palinurus americanus* M. Edw.) makes a loud grating noise. Mr. Kent describes the voice of the allied species (*Palinurus quadricornis*) as being produced by the rubbing together of the spinous abdominal segments. In the species observed by me, the sound was produced by means of certain modifications of the lower joints of the antennae. There is at the base of each antenna, upon the anterior part of the cephalo-thorax, a broad, elevated ridge, parallel with the axis of the body, which in an adult of eighteen inches would be about two inches long. The rounded crests of these ridges are closely embraced by processes from the sides of the basal antennal segments. The profile of each ridge describes the segment of a circle, the centre of which is the centre of articulation of its accompanying antenna. When the antennae are moved forward and backward, their tips waving over the back of the animal, the close contact of the hard, smooth, chitinous surfaces produces a shrill, harsh stridulation, like the sound of filing a saw. I have never heard the noise when the animals were under water, though I have seen them waving their antennae. I have no doubt that they can thus produce vibrations perceptible to their mates at great distances, especially if their other senses are as acute as that of smell, which I have tested in a very curious manner. Both sexes are provided with the vocal organs.

December 25, 1877.

Will Frogs Eat Fish?

A member of the Society of Artificial Fish Culture at Brunns-Gossamsrood, Grand Duchy of Meiningen, writes to the *German Fishery Gazette* as follows in regard to different kinds of fish-fry destroyers: "From observations made during a lengthened period, I have found that the frog not only eats captured fish, but also pursues and catches them in the water. When inspecting, in company with some friends, a pond stocked with young trout, we saw a not very large brown frog holding in his mouth a young fish of about a finger's length, and in such a manner that the head and tail protruded from it. Although captured, he would not release his prey until we had killed him. Upon fishing in another pond, stocked with carp and trout-fry, we observed a small trout-fry, of only a centimetre in length, with a hole bitten out of its back just in front of the dorsal fin. Unable to make anything out of it, we went on with our fishing, and soon afterwards found another little fish with a like hole, the size of a pea, behind the head. Here we found the explanation; a large aquatic beetle, tightly holding on to his victim by its fangs, and in full operation of eating. A very dangerous enemy to the young fry is the lake-newt or water lizard. We have often had occasion to observe with what great dexterity they contrive to snap up the trout-fry. To prevent as much as possible the increase and further depredations of this fish destroyer, we have in the month of September, after depositing the young fish in the river, stocked the ponds from that time till the middle of April with breeding trout of from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ pounds weight, and now find very little of the obnoxious vermin. An even more dangerous enemy to fish-eggs is the water shrew-mouse; one of these having entered into one of our breeding-boxes through a small fissure in the water-tube connected with it, had, in less than three days, devoured as many as 4,000 eggs."

This writer asserts that German frogs devour fish, and we now raise the question, will American frogs do the same? We would like the opinions of fish culturists, anglers, naturalists, and observers generally. Give us facts, or inferences from your own observations; such arguments as those that we have published on "The Goldfish Question." A simple "I don't believe it," does not amount to anything.

DESTRUCTION OF THE MAYFLY.—While fishing last week in the Itchen I was told by an old fisherman and proprietor that the Mayfly had become almost exterminated in parts of that river since the introduction of the American water weed. He accounted for it thus: The eggs of the fly were unable to sink to the bottom and secure the protection of the gravel, because they were arrested by the masses of weed and were then devoured by the fish, which sought for them diligently, as he assured me. Now, if this really be the case, it must apply equally to other species of *Ephemeroidea* and also the *Phryganidae*, and the trout are deprived of a most important source of food supply which should come to them at the time when they need fattening after their reproductive labors. Do any of you readers know of instances in which diminution in the numbers of the various *Neuroptera* has been concurrent with increase of the weed and vice versa, and have they made it a matter of direct observation that the eggs of these insects are caught by the weed and eaten by fish? I think it might be of use if your readers would describe any method they have adopted with success in removing this pestilent weed.

—A. N., in Country, London, Eng.

FISHING IN CAYUGA LAKE.—Union Springs, N. Y.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—The fishing in the lake is better this Spring than in several years; plenty of lake trout are caught, which are credited to the quantities received from the state hatching house every year for several years past. Pickerel are also very plenty; in fact, more than usually so. A party of three caught seven trout weighing twenty-nine pounds, and eight pickerel weighing twenty-six pounds, in a day and a half's trolling, besides three black bass whose guess weight was two and half pounds each, but being out of season we unhooked them at the side of the boat and let them go. We used a leaded spoon in from fifteen to thirty feet of water. Fishermen here are much pleased at the success you now devote to fish and fishing, and the varied information with which it is filled. I was about to add, may you prosper, but of course you will.

IF YOU BUY.—If you have occasion to buy anything advertised in this paper just mention the fact that you saw the advertisement in this paper. It will do us good, and won't put you to any trouble.

CAYUGA.

BREEDING CRAWFISH.—While in Berlin last Fall "doing" the fish markets, we fortunately came across Mr. Micha, a fish-monger who has a stand in Wallstrasse, of that city, who deals in crawfish on an extensive scale, and breeds many. His arrangements are simple and we give his words as he related his process.

"I have," said he, "breeding pens twenty feet long, by ten feet wide, with little blind drains, that is, small openings like drains but closed so that the crawfish cannot escape. The whole is built of brick laid in cement with a small stream running in at the top at one end and out at the top at the other.

These blind drains, or hiding places are three inches wide, ten inches high, and two feet long; two are made in every foot. In early Spring I put in the females that have eggs when they take possession of the drains and hatch the eggs under their tails. I feed the young till Autumn when I distribute them to parties who stock lakes and streams with them, and from whom I buy my stock for market. I presume that I buy many that I have hatched. I do not know how long it takes them to grow."

Mr. Micha had at this time one million crawfish in his store. We did not see his breeding place which is some distance from the city. He buys them from all over Germany and even from Russia, and ships to England and other countries, and is probably the largest dealer in this article in the world. The crawfish is extensively used in Germany, the smaller ones for making soup and the larger for salads and eating as we eat lobster. They are quite expensive, the smaller ones, of three inches, selling at the rate of sixty for twenty-five cents, and the large fat ones, of six inches or so, only ten for that amount.

There is but one species there, we believe, *Astacus fluviatilis*, and they closely resemble our *A. bartoni*. The only place that we find them for sale in America is at Blackford's, in Fulton Market; they come from Wisconsin and sell at \$3 per hundred.

We learned to eat them on a former trip to Germany and find them excellent; boil and eat them as lobster. Large ones are found in Kansas, in fact the largest that we have ever seen, but do not remember the measure, and it was too long ago to guess at it. It is said that they are found ten inches long in Oregon. The crawfish of the Western country, *A. mississippiensis* does not confine itself to streams but burrows in the prairie, going down to water; the settlers in digging wells follow a crawfish hole down and are sure to strike it. They raise a mound around the hole of six to ten inches high and when the prairies are flooded come to the top and rest with head and claws out of water.

To dress a crawfish, break off the telson or last joint and draw the intestine out with it, this is best done while alive, then boil, and in breaking off the head the stomach comes with it, and the remainder, except the shell, is eatable.

MEDICUS TO MR. GREEN.—Brooklyn, L. I.—*Editor Chicago Field*:—Mr. Green is wrong in stating that I have "attacked" him because I do not believe that one hundred gold fish devoured four thousand trout in three days, and, as is his usual custom, demands that I publish my real name. Now I do not hanker after newspaper notoriety and being a private citizen I claim the right to criticize the acts of public men; and as Mr. Green is a public man he should not allow his vanity to be hurt by a fair criticism of his statements. If some great sheep herder comes out with the assertion that 100 sheep have devoured four thousand rabbits in three days would Mr. Greene believe it because a man who had bred more sheep than he has, said so? Further, I do not believe that any man who is familiar with the habits of gold fish believes it. If goldfish have suddenly changed their nature we want to know it, but the mass of the people are too enlightened to have a belief crowded upon them because one man says so, even if that man is the greatest man in America. Of course, Mr. G. may decline to argue the question with me under a *nom de plume*, that is a good way to get rid of it; but as my address is known to the CHICAGO FIELD that is sufficient for me if not for him. He must remember that the newspaper is a public organ, and that a reader who is a private citizen does not care to parade his name in the manner that people in official life do. And that to compel them to do so would at once put a muzzle on them; besides, the readers of your paper are the jury who will pass their judgment on what a man says and are indifferent as to who he is. I am inclined to think that Mr. Green has made a mistake in his facts, and I believe that it is just and right to question them, and I assure him that my article was very far from a personal attack into which he was pleased to construe it. He never makes objections to any who in speaking of him spreads the flattery on thick, but if one chooses to disagree with him his opinions, however ridiculous they may appear, he calls it an "attack." Now, Mr. Green, be fair, show us the teeth in a goldfish that they seized the trout with, and why they never eat fish before.

Perhaps the CHICAGO FIELD will give its opinion on these cannibal goldfish.

MEDICUS.
[The CHICAGO FIELD declines to give any opinion in the matter or to take sides in the controversy. We request our correspondents in all cases not to allow any differences of opinion to degenerate into personal abuse. We have received another communication on this subject which we cannot publish on account of its personalities.—Ed.]

WHERE THE "MCBRIDE" FLIES ARE MADE.—A few days ago we had the pleasure of dropping in upon Miss Sara J. McBride, the maker of the celebrated McBride flies, at her new rooms, No. 889 Broadway, New York. We found her in a cosy atelier busily engaged at her beautiful art, and surrounded by cases of natural insects, from which she takes her models, and books on entomology, from which, as well as the living insects and their larval forms, she has studied; for Miss McBride is a naturalist as well as an artist, and has published several articles on aquatic insects. Her father established a reputation both in Great Britain and America, for neat and artistic work in this line, which has been improved upon, if possible, in his daughter's hands. We have used these flies for years and found the work to be of such a lasting quality, that they stand hard work. The stock of bird skins, of rare and beautiful plumage, such as golden pheasants, red ibis, macaws, etc., with wool, rabbit's fur, silk, gold and silver thread, and all the other things which are worked up into the many kinds of flies, are surprising when seen in the mass, and it seemed to us, who only require a few dozen each season, that there was material enough to make flies for all the world. She has established an agency at Redditch, England, and is the American agent for several English manufacturers of spoon-hooks, lines, etc. Among the novelties we noted a metallic flexible minnow, which, besides its side motion, has a revolving one; the Caledonian minnow and other lures, rods, reels, landing nets, fly books, lines, etc., which she has in her stock. A feature in her eight-strip bamboo rods is, that they are made as the reed grows, that is, the top of the bamboo makes the tip of the rod, and care is taken to preserve this rule in all the joints. On the wall we saw a cast of that six and a half pound brook trout, made by Dr. E. Sterling, of Cleveland, O., from a trout caught by him in the Saut St. Marie. When visiting New York our friends are advised to drop into the new studio of Miss McBride. She does all her own work and has no agents in America.

THE HAIR SNAKE QUESTION.—Grafton, Vt.—*Editor Chicago Field*:—In a late issue I notice some remarks on the hair snake which I read with interest. We here do not think that you have

definitely settled the question, and would like a little more light on the subject. Our experience with them is that they produce their young alive in the water, but our experiments with them, or rather with one, lead us to suppose this to be the case; still we are not prepared now to assert it as a fact, but will relate the experience as near as can be recollected: During the Autumn of 1867, in connection with another gentleman, we were building a small trout pond near this village, and frequently noticed these "snakes" in the water, and one was captured and placed in a wide-mouthed vial of water. It was of rather large size, six or seven inches in length, and about the size of a medium knitting pin. Later in the season the snake became at intervals torpid, occasionally reviving. At times we thought it dead, but on partially removing it from the water it would gradually draw itself back.

The water was occasionally changed and once or twice frozen nearly solid. After a time the animal commenced discharging a threadlike white substance in large quantities, and continued to do so for several days, voiding many times the length of the snake which accumulated in the bottom of the vial. This substance we thought to be young snakes, but being absent for some time it was neglected and perished. We much regret that we did not keep notes of the occurrence, but at the time we were studying the trout, of which not as much was known as now.

We had intended to report the experiments but have failed to do so, and shall certainly try to complete them the ensuing season.

This snake was larger than they usually are, and of lighter color, rather redish in its hue. It is possible that there may be more than one variety of them, but we do not look for the "cat breed" in our pure water.

We trust that some of your numerous correspondents may have looked the matter up thoroughly and will report their experience through your valuable columns. S. W. G.

FISH NOTES FROM THE QUAKER CITY.—Philadelphia, Pa.—*Editor Chicago Field*:—My silence for the last three weeks you can charge to press of business, and the length of this communication may be attributed to a feeling of guilt that I have allowed so long a time to elapse without writing you of what we are doing hereabouts. A few days since, the sportsmen assembled at Uncle John Krider's, corner Second and Walnut streets—our headquarters—were thrown into a state of excitement by the news that the blue fish had appeared at Barnegat Inlet, N. J. Some doubted and others expressed surprise on account of the early date, but our friend Kinsey, of hotel fame, arriving from there the following day, expelled all doubts and we learned that already 2,000 lbs. of fish had been taken by the several yachts sailing from his house.

Since the capture of the salmon on the Delaware river near Trenton, N. J., four or five more have been taken in nets at different points along the river. They are evidently of the same hatching, and of which Prof. Spencer Baird says, in speaking of the Trenton fish: "I incline to refer it to the lot of Rhine salmon, 500,000 eggs of which were imported in 1873 and hatched out by Dr. Slack at Bloomsburg; 5,000 only surviving." Homo.

MADISON FISH NOTES.—Madison, Wis.—*Editor Chicago Field*:—The fishery commission have a few days ago placed 50,000 lake trout in Boss Lake, St. Croix county, and Clam Lake, Burnett county. This week closes the season for distribution. Large numbers of trout are to be placed along the upper Wisconsin Central railway in the lakes abounding in that section of the state. First and Third lakes at Madison are to receive a large supply of yearling salmon trout. It is sinful the way fish are destroyed in the waters near our city. Not a day passes but fish are offered for sale on our streets that have been speared. And we are told of a person, calling himself a gentleman, who makes it a business to spear fish for feed for his hogs. The law seems to be an idle letter as far as its enforcement is considered. Fine strings are made daily and rare sport can be had with little labor. CORNELIUS.

CONCERNING THE GOLDFISH.—Dubuque, Iowa.—*Editor Chicago Field*:—I have been interested in the question of goldfish eating trout, as I have a friend who was thinking of putting them in his stream, and I hope that Seth Green will give us the facts in reply to those gentlemen who doubted it.

As to their not giving their names publicly, I presume they are like myself. I would not sleep a wink to-night if I thought you'd print my name. Mr. Green's name has been before the public so long that he don't mind it, and then he is a professional fish culturist. I believe that he is able to back his statements if they are new to some, and not let the matter of a name deter him. I hope he won't take offence at mine. MISSISSIPPI.

CATCHES OF SALMON IN NEW JERSEY.—There were exhibited on the morning of the 18th inst., two salmon, by Middleton, Carmon & Co., of Fulton market, New York, weighing forty-five and a half pounds, being the first catch in the Restigouche river. There was also exhibited a fine salmon weighing eighteen and a half pounds, taken at Port Monmouth, N. J. There have been eight salmon caught in the Delaware river last week. The bread cast upon the waters has returned. These are days of triumph, for the fish culturist, who now pulls up his shirt-collar and calmly says, "I told you so." But really, these fish should be allowed to breed this Fall. Our voice is for protection.

SALMON IN THE CONNECTICUT.—Hartford, Conn.—*Editor Chicago Field*:—Last week (May 6 to 11) 103 salmon were caught in our river that we have an account of. The smallest weighed eight pounds and the largest nineteen. The average weight was eleven pounds, and many of them were sent to Mr. Blackford, at Fulton market.

The question is settled now about the Connecticut being suitable for salmon, and all that we want is suitable protection.

THE NEW FISH LAW IN OHIO.—Cincinnati, O.—*Editor Chicago Field*:—The new law just passed—which I suppose you have received and will publish in an early issue—is an improvement most decided in its character, and will enable us to make it hot for the netters who have been depopulating our streams. The bill is so framed as to except the Ohio river and the great Reservoir in the counties of Anglatze and Mercer. The action of the Kentucky legislature, as regards the Ohio river, should have been concurrent with that of our own legislature. R. E. DUCAIGNE.

RUN OF SALMON IN CALIFORNIA.—San Francisco, Cal.—*Editor Chicago Field*:—The run of salmon has been light this Spring, the supply falling short of the demand, and causing high prices. All last month we had rough, bad weather, which our fishermen think kept the fish back. It is better now, and if it holds good through May all predict a big run. A. R.

SHAD IN CALIFORNIA.—San Francisco, Cal.—*Editor Chicago Field*:—I am pleased to inform you that two shad were taken in the Bay of San Francisco about the 1st of this month. They weighed three and a half and four pounds respectively, and one sold for \$10 and the other for \$11.50. B. B. PORTER.

A FISH SCALE.—Read the advertisement of Messrs. Fish &

Simpson, 132 Nassau street, New York, of the Fish Scale, which every fisherman should have. They have published a very handsomely illustrated and complete catalogue which will be sent on receipt of two three-cent stamps.

THE CHANGE AT THE SMITHSONIAN.—The Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, at a meeting May 17, elected Prof. Spencer F. Baird, the assistant secretary, to be secretary in place of Prof. Joseph Henry, lately deceased.

PLENTY.—Our correspondent "Jersey," writing from Kinsey's Ashley House, Barnegat Inlet, May 12, says: "Blue fish for past week very plenty, some parties taking as high as sixty to a boat; they average about six lbs."

THE EAGLE CLAW.—Read the advertisement of the Eagle Claw, for sale by Stent & Co., 132 Nassau street, New York.

Small Fry.

—Prof. James W. Milner is conducting shad hatching operations at Havre DeGrace.

—Major T. B. Ferguson has suspended operations with the shad-hatching on Albemarle sound.

—It is said that the salmon in Scotch rivers are dying by wholesale of some mysterious disease.

—"The horses in Iceland are fed in Winter with fishes' heads and bones, chopped up with a little hay, and boiled altogether in water."—*Barrow's Iceland*.

—The fine house of the "West Island" club near Cuttyhunk was destroyed by fire on the night of the 12th. The bass need not rejoice, a new one may be built.

—The game constable at Baldwinsville, Onondaga Co., N. Y., compelled a poacher to burn his own nets. They have usually sold them to the game club with promise to reform, and got enough to buy new ones, *das is ouscaspiel*.

—Fish Commissioner Major Anderson has decided that the law prohibiting fishing with seines after the 15th of May does not apply to South Jersey, and that the fishermen of the Lower Delaware may continue until June 10, as usual.

—Some large-sized black-bass, several weighing between three and four pounds each, have lately been taken by anglers in the Schuylkill at Fairmount dam, and "returned to the water," it being the close season for this fish until July 1. Good for them.

—A Washington correspondent writing this month, says: "Bass fishing has been rather poor in the Potomac near this city this Spring." As it is so near the spawning season we wonder if there is any law on the subject; or are bass exempt in the *Deestrick*?

—Charles E. Haller, a few days ago, caught fourteen fine black bass, with hook and line, at Point-of-Rocks on the Potomac. The largest fish weighed 4½ pounds and measured 21 inches in length. The fourteen weighed thirty-five pounds. They don't return them on the Potomac.

—The Germantown, Pa., *Telegraph* says: "Anglers should keep an eye on their rods when they eat lunch. The other day, after several hours of unsuccessful fishing at Fairmount dam, an angler gave his rod in charge of another angler, who in a minute or two landed a two and a half-pound rock with it."

—The English people talk more about eating than any other people, and to read of the excellence of this fish, or that one, you would think we never had anything good to eat. Our English cousin before dinner feasts his brain with what he is *going* to have, and after that event his mind is absorbed in a retrospect of the dishes he has had. He makes a great fuss about the white-bait dinners, and his turbot, but he never eat a "planked" shad at Gloucester point below Philadelphia. They just nail a shad on a plank before the fire, and—well! we thought we knew every flavor a shad had in him, but ask Dr. Yarrow how it is.

—Will correspondents please not direct letters for the editor of this department to the New York Aquarium, as we do not get them. We have not been connected with it for over a year, and all that we learn about it we get from the newspapers. We give their advertisement for last week for the benefit of those interested in science.

THE GREAT NEW YORK AQUARIUM.

Broadway and 35th st.
Just received, and now on exhibition, rare, strange, beautiful and grotesque TROPICAL FISHES, with all the colors of the rainbow. Performance every day at 2½ and 8 o'clock p. m. The La Verde Sisters in Aristocratic Flirtation. Scanlan and Cronin in Character Sketches. Admission to Aquarium performances, Chimpanzees, and Orang-Outang, 50 cents. No extra charges.

—At the monthly meeting of the New York Association for the Protection of Game, held last week at the residence of Mr. Clinton Gilbert, No. 20 West Tenth St., Senator Wagstaff read a communication stating that pound nets and stakes had been set out at Great South Bay, L. I., and asking the assistance of the association in enforcing the law at that place. Also one from Mr. Charles Banks, calling attention to the same violation of the law at Babylon, L. I. The counsel of the association was instructed to take immediate action in the premises. Counsellor Whitehead moved that the president be requested to write a letter to the governor, asking him not to affix his signature to any bills touching the game laws until the committee of the association shall have had an opportunity of scrutinizing them.

Kennel.

Kennel Fixtures for 1878.

Bench Shows.

Minnesota Kennel Club (St. Paul), Sept. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.—W. S. Timberlake, Secy.

FOREIGN.

PARIS.—June 1 to July 7. Applications to be made to the Ministère de l'Agriculture et du Commerce.

BIRKENHEAD, ENG.—Sept. 11 and 13. Sec., Mr. A. F. Gardiner.

Field Trials.

Baltimore Kennel Club's field trials, Nov. 11.

Tennessee State Sportsmen's Association Field Trials, Nashville, Dec. 2. H. C. Pritchett, Sec'y.

Slow and Sure.

BY ARNOLD BURGESS.

From the various letters we receive from amateur breakers detailing their difficulties or failures and asking for advice, we are led to believe that the great obstacle to success encountered by these gentlemen is really one of their own creating, and due less to inability to train their pupils than to overhaste and forgetfulness of that slow and sure principle that is specially applicable to the case.

A professional, whose time is money, and who must turn out his broken dogs as speedily as possible in order to make it pay, is no criterion for an amateur in his first attempt. In the first place professionals, from their great and varied experience, ac-

quire both an intuitive appreciation of canine character, and a power of adapting the instruction to the individual case, which the inexperienced amateur can no more equal than an apprentice boy can compete with a skilled artisan; yet gentlemen who have handled but very few, if any, dogs, regard training as a matter of a few week's work only, and in attempting to act upon this idea quickly find themselves in trouble, and then blame the dogs for what is their own fault. It seems almost contradictory, but it is, nevertheless, true that the more intelligent the dog, the more certainly there is of failure in the training. This is the natural result of the forcing, cramming process which his teacher resorts to, by which the dog becomes confused and in the desire to obey makes mistakes, is punished, and made sulky, and often eventually utterly ruined. With a dull pupil if the trainer does not give up in despair, he is forced to devote more time to each point in his work, and so in the end often succeeds beyond his expectations. In the former instance the dog is pronounced naturally worthless, and in the latter a first-class animal.

There cannot be any question that every man takes more pleasure in the well done work of his own hands than in that of any other person. The labor required gives to the completed result a value which nothing else can possess. Thus sportsmen who break their own dogs feel a pride and enjoyment in their performance which they would not derive from an even better animal obtained through a professional breaker. Of course some men will excel in the art of training as greatly as others do in their peculiar pursuits, yet dog-breaking is no such intricate work that every man cannot make a fair success of it if he will only set about it with the same caution he would employ in attempting any other new occupation. A man of little experience cannot appreciate how completely his ultimate success depends upon the thoroughness of the first lessons, yet it is those very lessons which give him command over his pupil if they are properly instilled, or teach the dog that he, not his trainer, is the real master. Then, too, even the greatest intelligence requires to be led at first, and each step made plain and every command so associated with the act it calls for that confusion is out of the question. Certain commands almost invariably get mixed up in the dog's mind at the start, and when an order is given he promptly obeys with a different act. Such cases are not to be visited with punishment unless it is very evident that the dog understands and intentionally disobeys. Meantime give him the benefit of the doubt and explain over and over again, if need be, what is wanted. If breakers would only be satisfied never to attempt a new lesson till the old one has been thoroughly learned, and even then to go back daily and go over all the old ground, leading up quietly and carefully to the new, they would soon be convinced of the benefit derived from the practice.

A professional breaker may thoroughly yard-break a dog in two weeks, but the amateur who gives two months to the same work will not have any spare time on his hands. The great reason why so many dogs perform badly in the field is that they have never been properly broken in the yard. Half trained there, they are taken into the field, and under the new excitement very naturally forget what little they have ever learned, and so spoil sport and make their masters the laughing stock of their more careful companions. A badly broken dog is the greatest possible nuisance in the field, while a good one is the source of the highest pleasure. It is not as easy to have one as the other, but it can certainly be got if patience, time and attention are brought to bear upon the training.

Kennel Club Field Trials.

The kennel club trials took place at Horsheath, the estate of Mr. G. Brewis, near Linton, Cambridgeshire, on April 30 and May 1, and on May 2 the final ties of the Horsheath stakes and Club Challenge Cup were run over Mr. Percy Brewis' shootings, at Deben. The heats plan was tried, but towards the end it was found to work so unsatisfactorily that it will not again be used by the Kennel Club. It is proposed in future to turn out inefficient dogs, and keep in good ones, and in the end to allow the judges to apportion the prizes, as they see fit, amongst these. Birds were abundant, the scent good, and the weather fine, though it was threatening on the first day.

Field Trial Derby, for pointer and setter puppies bred in 1877, 108 subs.
Major Fernley's bk w d Ranger
Rock, by Ranger II—Bess, 14 mos (setter)..... beat J. Platt's lem w d Struggle, by Rhyll—Minch, 14 mos (setter).
R. Lloyd Price's liv w d Monk, by G. Moore's Bag—his Moll, 12 mos. (pointer)..... " G. Brewis' liv w b Dart, by Roy—Mab, 12 mos. (pointer).....
Maj. Platt's bk w d Darkie, by Rhyll—Dolly, 10 mos. (setter)..... " R. Purcell Llewellyn's lem w d Lofty, by Prince—Leda, 14 mos. (setter).....
R. Lloyd Price's lem w d Dandy Drake, by Drake—Nimble Ninepence, 13 mos. (pointer)..... " Barclay Field's liv w b Pride, by Riot—Romp, 10 mos. (pointer).....
Major C. Ross' lem w b Ranger Reel, by Ranger II—Bess, 11 mos. (setter)..... " G. Brewis' lem w d Strathie, by Ranger—Troll (setter).....
Sir T. B. Leonard's liv w d Scamp, by Y. Bang—Teal, 12 mos. (pointer)..... " R. Lloyd Price's liv w b Placida, by Drake—Nimble Ninepence, 13 mos. (pointer).....
Major Platt's bk w b Dip, by Rhyll—Dolly, 10 mos. (setter)..... " W. D. Duncan's w bk d Royal IV, by Rollick—Flame, 14 mos. (setter).....
Sir T. B. Leonard's liv w d Priam, by Y. Bang—Teal, 12 mos. (pointer)..... " R. Lloyd Price's lem w d The Irrepressible Drake, by Drake—Nimble Ninepence, 13 mos. (pointer).....
A. P. Heywood Lonsdale's w bk d Barnet, by Brackley—Rhoda, 12 mos. (pointer)..... " E. Bishop's, Barclay Field's Collin, by Frolic—Dumpey, 12 mos. (setter).....
G. T. Bartram's bk w d Duncan, by Rollick—Bride, 12 mos. (setter)..... " Lord Down's liv w d Sam, by Dash III—Slik (setter).....
Mr. G. De Landre Macdonald's lem w d Ranger III, by Ranger II—Cora, 13 mos. (setter) (a bye).

Ranger III. (a bye) beat Ranger Rock.
Scamp beat Monk.
Scamp beat Darkie.
Priam beat Barnet.
Scamp beat Duncan.

Priam and Scamp divided 1st, but the judges gave it as their opinion that Priam was the better dog.

We extract from the London *Field* the account of the first and concluding ties.

"For the first ties Monk and Scamp were called: Scamp dropped to a hare well; Monk did the same to birds, and Scamp to a single bird; but Monk went about ten yards after a hare, and thereby Scamp won. Ranger Reel dropped to a brace, and Darkie pointed a brace well, but was backed reluctantly; then he pointed again, and that time was well backed. Priam pointed a brace, and Dandle Drake flushed a brace; Priam dropped to a bird and flushed twice; then he pointed a brace well, but left his point and a bird rose; Dandy Drake flushed two braces running, and took no notice of wing, then he pointed a brace well and was well backed. Priam flushed a bird badly, and Dandy Drake flushed a brace; Priam won. Dip and Barnet: The latter flushed, and then found a brace and dropped well; then Dip found a brace very fairly; Barnet flushed a brace; then a flush occurred, and Barnet won, but Dip ought to have been the winner. Darkie (setter) and Scamp (pointer): Scamp flushed, then pointed a brace, and flushed three braces running, then pointed, but winded the brace, and both flushed; Scamp won. Priam (pointer) and Barnet (setter): Priam flushed, then pointed, went on, and they rose; both chased a hare, and Priam won. Duncan and Ranger III: Ranger pointed; Duncan would not back until ordered; Ranger ran a hare out of the field; Duncan false pointed, and won through Ranger's chase.

Scamp, Priam, and Duncan were now the three left in, and Scamp and Duncan were called up. Scamp flushed, then false pointed; Duncan was as slow as could be, working like a spaniel, for some reason best known to himself, so Scamp won, and with Priam divided first and second, Duncan taking third. For the fourth prize Darkie and Ranger III ran in the absence of Barnet. Ranger pointed a brace, and, after trying some time for birds, the fourth prize was divided between the two dogs, and Charles Bishop took the prize of two guineas offered to the best breaker by Mr. Lloyd Price.

SECOND DAY, May 1st.—Horseheath Stakes, a sweepstakes of £2 6s each, and a cup value £30 added, for all-aged dogs or bitches, setters or pointers.

G. Pilkington's liv w d Garnet, by Tory—Jessie (pointer)..... beat R. Lloyd Price's lem w d Dandy Drake, by Drake—Nimble Ninepence, 13 mos. (pointer).
Major Platt's bk w b Die, by Dash—Dolly, 9 years (setter)..... " J. Platt's ne (R. Purcell Llewellyn's) Sam, by Sergeant—Kate, aged (setter).
Duke of Westminster ne (A. P. Heywood Lonsdale's) liv w d Might, by Mike—Watt's Moll, 3 years (pointer)..... " R. Lloyd Price's liv w d Dismal Jimmy (late Lucky Ninepence) by Drake—Nimble Ninepence, 3 years (pointer).
Lord Down's bk w t d Dan, by Sam—Flash, 3 years 2 months (setter)..... " W. Lort ne (G. de Landre Macdonald's) Ranger III, by Ranger II—Cora, 14 months (setter).
J. H. Whitehouse's liv w d Rapid, by Chang—Romp, 5 years (pointer)..... " Edward Armstrong ne (Lord Down's) liv w b Jane, years (pointer).
J. Cunningham ne (R. Purcell Llewellyn's) bk w b Novel, by Dan—Nellie, 3 years 6 months (setter)..... " Bowers ne (Lord Down's) bk w d Duke, by Sam—Flash, 3 yrs 2 mos. (setter).
E. Bishop ne (R. Lloyd Price's) liv w b Bow Bells, by Bang—Belle, 2 years (pointer)..... " G. Thorpe Bartram's Stella, by Sancho—Bess (pointer).
G. Brewis' lem w b Danger, by Dan—Lady, 2 years 3 months (setter)..... " J. Armstrong ne (S. Medley's) r d Rory, by Rover (setter).
S. E. Shirley ne (Barclay Field's) bk t b Nora, by Mungo—Romp, 1 yr. 7 mos. (pointer).
R. Purcell Llewellyn's bk w t b Nora, by Dan—Nellie, 3 years (setter)..... " Arkwright's lem w d Tramp, by General Prim—Mink, 4 years (pointer).
Barclay Field's liv w d Drake, by Riot—Queen, 1 year 8 months (pointer)..... " T. E. Medley's r s b Bella, by Rover (setter).
G. Brewis' bk w t d Dash II, by Blue Prince—Kate, 4 years (setter)..... " A. P. Heywood Lonsdale's liv w b Min, by Mike—Watt's Moll, 8 years (pointer).
G. De Landre Macdonald's bk w t d Ranger, by Quince II—Judy, 6 years (setter).

Garnet beat Might
Dan beat Di
Bow Bells beat Rapid

Garnet beat Bow Bells
Novel beat Dan
The prices were awarded as follows: Garnet first in pointers and cup as best dog, Dash II first in setters, Novel third prize, Dan fourth prize, Bow Bells and Drake divided the fifth and sixth prizes, and Nicholson (Garnet's breaker) took the breaker's prize.

THIRD DAY, May 2.—The concluding ties of the Horseheath Stakes were first run, and our London contemporary, the *Field*, gives the account of the work as follows:

"Garnet pointed, and Bow Bells flushed a brace; she also left birds behind her; Garnet then took a good point, and was well backed; then Garnet took another point, and Bells would not back him, although ordered, until she got quite near the point; Garnet accordingly won. The next brace was Dan and Novel; the latter pointed a brace, but Dan, who also was on a point, failed to make out his bird, and twice this happened to him; he was only moderately well backed by Novel, who, however, made out the birds and stood them well; Dan then flushed, then he pointed a brace, and was well backed; Novel false pointed, then had a true point, but left her point of her own accord, and the birds went; Dan false pointed, and Novel pointed a brace and won. Dan was fairly beaten. Garnet and Drake (a bye); Drake flushed and dropped; Garnet false pointed where a bird had been just before, and was well backed; then Drake pointed, and when sent on he put them up. Garnet pointed a bird well, and Drake put up a brace, dropping, however, to wing capitiely; he flushed another brace, and again both had a flush. Then Garnet false pointed, but, casting up, just flushed them beyond the fence; well backed. Drake pointed, and, drawing on, put up the birds and dropped to them; but, of course, Garnet won, as his only defect was his want of backing. Dash and Novel: Dash pointed, but Novel ran in and flushed. Dash again pointed a brace, and Novel not only would not back but ran in again, a most extraordinary proceeding on her part, as she is a notoriously "fast" breaker. Dash won.

"The award for extra cup for best pointer or setter, was then decided between Dash and Garnet. Dash flushed and dropped to a quick brace which he was making out. Garnet pointed and dropped; Dash had to be ordered down. Then he pointed a brace, then a bird, and Garnet refused to back. Then Dash pointed a brace and was well backed. Finally, both false pointed, then both dogs pointed twice, and Garnet won."

SAME DAY.—The Club Challenge Cup, value £90, for all aged pointers or setters; the cup to be won three times by one member (not necessarily in successive years, or by the same dog), before becoming his absolute property; open to members of the Kennel Club only. All dogs or bitches competing must be the bona fide property of the member who enters them. Limited to one dog each.

Mr. G. de Landre Macdonald's Ranger..... beat Mr. Arkwright's Tramp.
Mr. G. Pilkington's Garnet..... " Mr. J. H. Whitehouse's Rapid
Mr. G. Brewis's Dash II..... " Mr. P. Brewis's Danger (dr.)
Mr. D. Lloyd Price's Dismal Jimmy..... " Mr. Barclay Field's Pride.

Ranger beat Garget.
Dash II. beat Dismal Jimmy.

Ranger beat Dash II. and won the Challenge Cup; Dash took the Cup for the best of the opposite breed to the winner.

SOME REMARKS ON THE BALTIMORE SHOW.—Aberdeen, Md. —*Editor Chicago Field*:—With your permission a word in regard to the Baltimore bench show. It was a success in every particular, and the members of the Baltimore Kennel Club deserve the thanks of all concerned, for the facilities afforded for the convenience of the spectators and the comfort of the dogs. The judging was everything that could be desired and could give dissatisfaction to no one unprejudiced, with one exception, viz: in class eight, (native Irish puppies,) a V.H.C., and in class sixty-three first prize was awarded Mr. Keller, of Washington, D. C., for the pup Ready. The ribbons designating his winnings were placed on stall No. 174, (the stall assigned Ready in the catalogue,) and remained there until the close of the show. Now, this stall was never occupied during the exhibition, and I could find no one who had ever seen him in the building. Now, what I wish to know is, how could Mr. Davidson award a prize and V.H.C. in an open class to a dog that was not on exhibition, for he could not have been brought in to be judged and then taken away, as the rules say positively, "No dog shall be removed until the close of the exhibition." Or if the dog was present, why place his trophies on an empty stall and not on the one occupied by the winner? I was not present when the judging of this class took place, and it may be perfectly correct, but I must confess my doubts until I see an explanation of this, to say the least, curious case.

As I before remarked, with this exception, no unprejudiced person could find any fault whatever with the judging, and I think Mr. Davidson deserves great credit for the satisfactory manner in which he made the awards, difficult at any show but rendered doubly so by the superior quality of the contestants in many of the classes.

This was my first sight of the noted Gladstone, and I can say no more in his praise, than he fulfilled my highest expectations and amply deserves the honors he has received on the bench. Royal Duke is simply magnificent, and with Gladstone barred would have no trouble winning in any company.

One more word in regard to the winner of the champion Irish class, and I am done, for I have already spun my yarn much

longer than I intended, but I could not refrain from speaking a word in praise of dogs that show in a remarkable degree the improvement bench shows have effected in the breeding of fine dogs.

Ogilvie's Ben is a perfect type of the red Irish setter, possessing all the desired "points" of head and form, and was besides, in the pink of show condition, and it was no surprise to anyone who saw him that he won in every class in which he was entered. I would rather own him than almost any one I have ever seen, but unfortunately there is a bottom to the pocket of QUAIL.

POISONING—SALT.—Ottawa, Ill.,—*Editor Chicago Field*:—In your issue of May 11th you publish a communication from Galveston, Texas, asking for an antidote to counteract the effects of poison. And as you express a wish to have some of your many readers give their experience in dealing with the fatal drug I will give mine.

For thirty years I have been an ardent sportsman, breeding and raising many good dogs, and during this time losing some half-dozen by poison, always trying the old foggy system of treatment of lard and sweet oil, white of eggs, etc., etc., and in the whole number not saving one, although prolonging their misery, that is keeping them alive from eight to twelve hours and then dying.

I read some time back in one of the numbers of the CHICAGO FIELD that salt was an antidote, that it would neutralize the poison and produce an immediate vomit when given to the dog. I made an item of this in my note book, little thinking how soon I would have a chance to try its efficacy. Only a few mornings after on letting my dogs out from their place where they had been closed up all night, my liver colored dog fell at my feet in a spasm. Some good friend of mine had shoved poison through a crack or knot hole in the building and poisoned my dog. Now was the time to try the new antidote. My time to the house and back again with salt and warm water beat chain lightning. I forced his jaws open and an assistant threw in a handful of salt and followed that with warm water and in about half a minute my dog was heaving up most beautifully, throwing all the poison from his stomach and getting instant relief. In an hour from that time he would come from his kennel to wag his tail and greet with a smile of recognition his many friends who came to visit him, and retrieve a glove thrown for him. During all that day he was very thirsty and I gave him milk for drink instead of water not knowing but water might produce a bad effect.

Now this poison was strychnine, as it affected his spine and limbs, and for several days after he would shiver lying in the warm sun, a symptom of strychnine poisoning. Now, although this is only one case of poisoning to cite from I am thoroughly convinced, from the marvelous way it worked on my dog, that it is the very best and surest thing to use. It is an article of which there is always some at hand, and no time is lost in preparing it same as oil or lard. And the theory is good, it removes the cause and that produces a cure.

So now I would say to our brother sportsmen of Galveston, be of good heart, fear not for your dogs for salt will fool all the damned poisoning wretches who delight in another's misery.

L. DELANO.

SLOW POISONING OF DOGS—DEATH OF HAYES.—Campville, Tioga County, N. Y.—*Editor Chicago Field*:—I am grieved in being obliged to announce the death of my Newfoundland dog "Hayes" on the night of Friday, May 10, from the effect of poison, administered on or about the night of Wednesday, May 8, by some person or persons at present unknown. By a post mortem examination of the stomach it was ascertained that the poison used was a prepared lozenge, commonly known in this locality as a "dog button," so compounded as to produce a lingering and painful death, and which, I am informed, can be procured at almost any of the village drug stores. These lozenges are made and sold for the especial purpose of murdering dogs, but whether they are made by those who sell them here, or procured from disreputable wholesale druggists, I do not know.

I shall offer a reward of \$50 through the local newspapers for such information as will lead to the arrest and conviction of the guilty party, and shall feel well satisfied in paying that sum if the desired result can be attained. If causeless and malicious dog murder cannot be stopped without the vigorous action of private persons, I am willing to do my part, for the benefit of dog owners in general as well as myself, to crush it out.

"Hayes" had been in the county less than two weeks, having been removed here from the Baltimore bench show last month. He had never been away from his kennel but in my company, and had done nothing to cause any complaint, or to make any person wish for his death. He was brought here to be put in fine condition for the Westminster Kennel Club bench show in New York, and was doing well.

"Hayes" was whelped in New York on March 4, 1877, bred by William Millner (Captain Bill), of One Hundred and Tenth street and East River; reared by William Banta, of Ward's Island, and purchased by me on March 16, 1878. His sire was Max and his dam Flora. He was exhibited twice only, at Boston and Baltimore this year, and gained first prizes at both shows; was an exceedingly promising young dog, and was generally conceded to be one of the finest Newfoundlands ever shown in this country. Had he lived I should have used him for stud purposes, breeding with all the care and judgment I could command. I feel that his death is a severe loss, not only to me, but to bench shows and the public in general. HENRY W. LIVINGSTON.

THE LLEWELLYN SETTER.—London, Eng.—*Editor Chicago Field*:—Several letters have appeared in your newspaper asking what Messrs. Smith and Burges mean by the "Llewellyn setter." Those gentlemen will, no doubt, give the required information.

The proposal for the change of name was made to me from your side of the Atlantic. That proposal I placed before Mr. Llewellyn, and I believe his views to be that, as the proposers of this change believe dogs of his breeding made the whole breed famous on your side of the Atlantic, and prevented its decay on this side, he is willing that any dog of any combination of either two of the Duke, Rhoebe and Laverack blood, without foreign admixture, may, at the discretion of its owner, be known as the "Llewellyn setter."

With the proposal of "Zig-Zag," that judging should not be left to one man only, I quite agree, for I believe that such a course has ruined, in all working qualities, 99 out of 100 kennels in this country. Mr. Lort has not judged from the sportsman's point of view, but from that of a pet-dog fancier. This is certain, no dog of Mr. Llewellyn's will ever again be placed before Mr. Lort, as a judge, where the judge's names are made known before the judging takes place.

I have been able to follow Mr. Davidson's judgments in many cases, well knowing the dogs which have come before him. I believe no man knows better than he that the essential combinations in a setter are size with refinement, courage with docility, shape with sense, and nose with speed.

The field trial Derby, as you, of course, have already heard, was won by a pointer, the first setter claiming to be a descendant of Leicester and Dart, whether rightly or wrongly I do not know. All the best puppies put themselves out by wildness as they did also at Shrewsbury. G. T. TRASDALE-BUCKELL.

OUR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE.—Washington, D. C., *Editor Chicago Field*.—It is probably a settled fact that a field trial will be held under the auspices of the Baltimore Kennel Club next November. The place spoken of is on the eastern shore of Maryland, and is a most excellent place and is easily reached from Baltimore and Philadelphia. Birds are always plenty in that section, and the country is a good one to hunt over. Accommodations can easily be found at Easton, and at other places near. That part of Maryland is not the only part of the state where an abundance of birds can be found. In St. Mary's county is a succession of good open country, birds plenty, and the proprietors of the different estates will be glad to give the permission to use their lands for that purpose. Virginia too, has many fine places well adapted for field trials, and the majority are very easily reached from Washington and Baltimore. North Carolina, while having some of the most open shooting country east of the prairies, and where birds are unusually plenty, seems too far away from headquarters to be of use. One gentleman from that state, now in Congress here, has a fine plantation of many thousand acres, and he takes special pains to keep it well stocked with quail. He is an ardent sportsman, and but for the distance I would present his place to the gentlemen of B. K. C.

I hope most sincerely that these trials may be pushed to success, and once established they will be repeated each year.

There are some dogs in this city which will be entered, and there is one now in my mind, I believe will reflect very great credit on its owner and breaker.

I hope soon to see a report in the CHICAGO FIELD of the full determination of the club.

I have received from Mr. Taft, of this city, a dog pup out of his Minnie, by A. N. Marr's Dash. It is one of the finest looking native pups I have ever seen. His ears are well set on, and his head and body bid fair to be perfect. I claim for him the name of King Arthur. If I am successful in raising him I hope to make him at least equal to his sire and dam, for I think a better pair rarely enters the field.

JACK SNIPE.

Sales.

GUESS AND FAN.—Mr. S. J. Martinet, Jr., Baltimore, Ind., has sold his pair of beagles, Guess and Fan (winners of first and second at Baltimore show) to Mr. J. P. R. Hox, of same city.

BEN AND LELAND.—J. H. Fitchet, West Troy, N. Y., has sold to Mr. J. M. Pierson, of Johnston, N. Y., the chestnut and white dog puppy Ben, and to Mr. L. Kaiser, Jr., Albany, N. Y., the chestnut and white puppy Leland, both by Mac—Fan.

RORY O'MORE—NELL II. WHELPS.—Mohawk Kennel have sold the following Rory O'More—Nell II. puppies: Red with white markings bitch Claret to P. Z. Colson, Blossom Farm, Mobile, Ala.; dog Tom to Wm. C. McKenney, Bloomsburgh, Pa.

RED KIT.—Mr. Geo. W. Van Vorst, Clinton, Ia., has sold his Irish-Gordon bitch Red Kit (Rufus—Fan), through the advertisement in the CHICAGO FIELD, to Mr. B. S. Woodward, of Lyons, Ia. We thank Mr. Van Vorst for acknowledging our influence.

RATTLE—DAISY WHELPS.—Mr. George Waddington, Geneva, Ia., has sold the following of his Rattle—Daisy litter: Bitch to Mr. Potter, Evansville, Wis.; bitch to S. A. Kaye, St. Louis, Mo.; bitch to Mr. I. A. Skelton, Chicago; bitch to Mr. J. H. Whitman, Chicago.

RUFUS—ERINELL WHELPS.—The Evanston Kennel have sold most of their Rufus—Erinell puppies as follows: Anthon and Less to Mr. Charles Hayes, Evanston, Ill.; Lina to Gen. A. C. Ducat, Evanston, Ill.; Lela to Arthur K. Delany, Mayville, Wis.; Lettie to L. B. Crocker, Mendota, Ill.

SANCHO—QUEEN PUPPY.—Mr. W. T. Irwin, Topeka, Kan., has purchased of Mr. A. E. Godeffroy, Guymard, N. Y., a liver and white bitch puppy, whelped July, 1877, by Sherwood's Sancho—Godeffroy's (late Sherwood's) Queen, consequently litter sister to Sancho, Jr., the best pointer puppy in New York show, 1877.

Names Claimed.

RAP.—Mr. J. P. Crossley, Titusville, Pa., claims the name of Rap for his liver and white cocker spaniel puppy (McKoon's Captain—McKoon's Bess).

LOHMAN AND FLORENCE M.—Mr. E. R. Turnbull, Lawrence, Va., claims the names of Lohman for dog, and Florence M. for bitch puppy by Redgauntlet—Quail II.

MUNSON.—Mr. Charles L. Hunt, Jr., St. Louis, Mo., claims the name of Munson for his red Irish setter dog puppy (Sting II—Munson's imported Kate), whelped Feb. 18, 1878.

BEN AND LELAND.—Mr. J. H. Fitchet, W. Troy, N. Y., claims the names of Ben and Leland for two chestnut and white dog puppies by Mac out of Fan, whelped Jan. 7, 1878.

BLUE BELL.—Mr. J. H. Whitman, Chicago, Ill., claims the name Blue Bell for his blue ticked bitch by Rattle (Rob Roy—Pickles) out of Waddington's Daisy (Carlowitz—True).

NELLY MAY.—Mr. W. A. Wheatley, Memphis, Tenn., withdraws his late claim to the name Nelly May for his black and white bitch puppy, as she had already been named Prairie Rose by Mr. J. H. Whitman.

RUFUS—ERINELL WHELPS.—The Evanston Kennel, Evanston, Ill., claim for the champion Rufus—Erinell puppies the following names: For dogs—Arthur D. Arnold B. Aleck, and Anthon; for bitches—Lela, Lela, Lina, Lettie and Less.

Whelps.

Queen.—Mr. S. B. Dilley's Queen has whelped eight, by champion Ranger.

BIDDY.—Mr. H. H. Tate's red Irish setter bitch Biddy whelped ten, April 25—five dogs and five bitches.

BEAUTY.—Mr. R. J. Colburn's Prairie Ranger bitch Beauty whelped seven, May 15—three dogs and four bitches, mostly black and white.

FANNY DAINTY.—Kansas City Kennel Club's Fanny Dainty (Miner's Jack—Daisy Dainty) whelped eight, all dogs, on May 10, by their Shamrock.

EMPRESS.—Mr. E. P. Welsh's Empress (Carlowitz—Orphina) whelped ten, May 15—three dogs and seven bitches, by Craek, litter brother to Royal Duke.

PICKLES.—Mr. E. C. Waller's Pickles whelped seven, May 20, five bitches and two dogs, black, white and tan, by Prairie Ranger dog Joe (Whitman's Grouse—Valentine's Nelly).

Visits.

FANNY—RAKE.—Mr. D. C. Bergundthall's Field Trial bitch Fanny to his Rake.

STAR—RUFUS.—Mr. T. Tillotson's Star (April—Colleen) to Mr. Burges' champion Rufus.

BELLE—RUSH.—Mr. George C. Colburn's pointer bitch Belle to Mr. Edmund Orgill's Rush.

TOPSY—BOW.—Mr. J. J. Snellenburg's pointer bitch Topsy to St. Louis Kennel Club's Bow.

GYPSIE—DASH.—Mr. W. Bassford's red Irish setter bitch Gypsie to Lincoln & Hillyar's Dash.

BONNIE BESS—ST. ELMO.—Dr. Gouverneur Smith's Bonnie Bess to Dr. Fleet Spier's St. Elmo.

NELL II—CHAMPION ELCHO.—Brockway & Schuyler's Nell II (Plunket—Nell) to Dr. Jarvis' champion Elcho.

Deaths.

DREAM.—Kansas City Kennel Club's lemon and white bitch puppy Dream (Dilley's Ranger—his Queen).

ROB ROY—DAISY BITCH.—Mr. W. T. Irwin, Topeka, Kansas, has had another visitation. His Rob Roy—Daisy bitch has died of pneumonia.

PELHAM.—Capt. J. W. Foster, Leesburg, Va., has lost by pneumonia his Leicester—Kirby dog puppy Pelham. He took first in his class at Baltimore, and was full of promise.

ADVICE.—Read the new advertisement of Topeka Kennel.

Trap Shooting.

Clinton Tournament.

EDITOR CHICAGO FIELD:—The heavy rain on the 7th interfered with the opening of the pigeon and glass ball tournament at Ringwood Park, May 7, 8, and 9, until eleven o'clock. The first contest was a sweepstake ball shoot, 10 balls, 18 yards, new Bogardus trap and rules.

J. L. Pratt.....11111 01100-7
G. N. Machen.....10100 01010-4
Pratt won 1st money, Mayo 2d.
Second sweepstake at 10 balls.

J. L. Pratt.....11111 11101-8
G. N. Machen.....11110 11110-8
F. Gage.....01111 10001-6
Tomlinson won 1st money.
Pratt and Machen shot off, Pratt winning 2d.

Third sweepstake, 10 balls.
W. B. Leffingwell.....11111 11101-8
John VanEpps.....11111 11101-9
J. J. Schuck.....01101 11111-8
Lot Smith.....11101 01000-5

VanEpps won 1st; Leffingwell, Schuck, Deasmond and Youngs shot off 2d, Youngs winning second.
The afternoon opened with purse No. 1, 10 pigeons, 21 yards, entrance \$5; \$45 to first, \$30 to second, \$15 to third, \$10 to fourth.

Purse No. 1, 10 birds, \$100.
W. B. Wilcox.....10111 11111-9
Ed. Ayer.....01111 11111-9
E. L. Mayo.....10001 11111-7
D. Beers.....01111 11111-8

W. B. Leffingwell.....11111 11111-9
N. Doxey.....11111 11111-9
G. Machen.....11100 11111-8
J. L. Pratt.....11111 11111-10
J. L. Vandever.....01010 01010-5

Ed. Price.....11011 11111-9
J. S. Joles.....11011 11111-9
Jas. Jenkins.....11111 11110-9
Pratt took 1st money, Messrs. Wilcox, Ayer, Leffingwell, Joles, Jenkins, Youngs, Doxey, Schuck and Allen shot off ties on 9, Wilcox, Ayer, Leffingwell, Joles, Jenkins, Youngs, Doxey, Schuck and Allen shooting three straight each; on second trial Messrs. Leffingwell, Jenkins and Schuck got three straight again; on third trial Mr. Schuck shot three straight, at 31 yards, taking second money. Ties on 8 for third money, were partly shot off by Messrs. Beers, Machen, Price, Tate, Bates and McArthur, Messrs. Beers, Price, Tate, Bates and McArthur taking three straight each. Here the supply of birds was exhausted and the rest of this match was postponed until morning, when it resulted in Price, Bates, McArthur, Beers and Tate killing three straight; but in the next round Price shot three straight and took the prize.

Mayo, Smith and Penfield disposed of fourth money by lot, Messrs. Mayo and Smith dividing.

Purse of \$70—10 glass balls:
W. B. Wilcox.....11000 11011-6
D. Beers.....10100 01111-6
F. A. McArthur.....11111 11111-10
E. Ayer.....10111 11110-8

J. VanEpps.....10010 01111-6
C. F. Youngs.....11111 01101-8
C. M. Carter.....01110 11111-8
E. Price.....11111 11011-9
J. S. Joles.....10111 11111-9

M. Doxey.....11101 01111-8
J. Smith.....11101 01011-7
McArthur took first money, \$30; Messrs. Price, Joles, Pratt, Leffingwell, Gardner and Wells, shot off ties on 9, at 21 yards, Messrs. Joles, Pratt and Leffingwell breaking five straight on first trial. On second trial, Mr. Pratt shot four out of five, taking second money, \$20.

Messrs. Ayer, Young, Carter, Doxey, Tomlinson, Schuck and Bates shot off ties on eight, Messrs. Carter, Doxey and Bates breaking four out of five; on second trial Doxey and Bates shot four out of five each and divided third money, \$13. Ties on seven were shot off by Messrs. Smith, Price and Gates, the two former breaking three each; on second trial Price broke four out of five, taking fourth money, \$7.

Second day—sweepstakes—5 glass balls:
J. L. Pratt.....11111-5
W. B. Leffingwell.....11111-5
N. Doxey.....11111-5
E. E. Ayer.....11111-5

L. P. Smith.....11111-5
E. L. Mayo.....11100-3
Bruce Wilcox.....01111-4
Ed. Price.....01101-3

E. L. Tomlinson.....11101-4
David Beers.....01110-3
Messrs. Pratt, Leffingwell, Ayer, Smith, Doxey, Schuck and Penfield shot off ties on first, Pratt, Leffingwell, Ayer, Smith, Doxey and Schuck breaking three straight. Second ties shot off; Smith won, breaking three straight. Ties on second money shot off by Messrs. Wilcox, Tomlinson, Machen and McArthur, Wilcox and McArthur broke three straight twice and divided purse. Ties on third money shot off by Mayo, Price, Beers, Gage, Youngs and Deasmond, Mayo, Price, Beers and Youngs breaking two each; Youngs then breaking three straight and taking third money. The glass ball shooting was conducted with Bogardus trap and rules. The pigeon shooting was conducted with plunge trap and Kennicott rules.

Same day.—Sweepstakes: 5 balls; Bogardus rules.
W. B. Leffingwell.....11101-4
Wm. Brice.....10111-4
J. VanEpps.....11111-5
W. Woodmood.....11111-5

W. Blaisell.....01000-1
C. A. Gardner.....10111-4
A. Ayer.....10111-4
E. Price.....11100-3

D. Beers.....10111-4
F. H. McArthur.....10111-4
F. D. Stout.....11110-4
C. M. Carter.....11111-5

J. L. Pratt.....11111-5
VanEpps, Woodmood, Carter, Pratt, Trull, Machen, Joles, Tomlinson and Penfield shot off ties on 5, Carter, Trull and Joles shooting 3 straight. On the second trial Carter and Trull got 3 straight, and on third trial Trull, of Genesee, took 1st money. Price, Gardner, Ayer, Beers, McArthur, Stout, Doxey, Schuck and Wilcox shot off ties on 4, McArthur, Stout, Schuck and Wilcox breaking 3 straight each. On second trial McArthur, Stout and Schuck broke 3 straight each. On third trial McArthur, of Genesee, broke 3 straight and took 2d money. Leffingwell, Price, Mayo, Gates, Youngs and Wells shot off ties on 3, Leffingwell, Price and Mayo breaking 3 straight. On second trial Price, of Chicago, broke 3 straight, and took third money.

Same day.—Purse \$100, 10 birds, 21 yards rise.
J. W. Gates.....01111 11111-9
W. B. Leffingwell.....11111 11001-8
W. B. Wilcox.....00111 11111-8
D. Beers.....10110 11111-8

F. H. McArthur.....11110 11111-9
S. Croseman.....01101 11100-6
C. M. Carter.....11101 01111-8
E. Price.....11111 10011-8

C. Tate.....11011 11111-9
J. VanEpps.....11001 11111-9
C. A. Gardner.....11100 11011-7
Ed. Ayer.....01110 11111-8

N. Doxey.....10101 11111-8
Wm. Brice.....11111 10010-6
G. S. Wells.....11111 11110-10
C. F. Youngs.....11111 01111-9

McArthur and Youngs divided first money. On ties of 9, Leffingwell and Gardner got three straight each and divided second money. On ties of 8, Wells and Penfield shot three straight each and divided third money. On ties of 7, Woodmood shot three straight and took fourth money.

The next shoot was a sweepstake, \$5 each; ten birds, 21 yards rise.
F. H. McArthur.....11111 11111-10
D. Beers.....11101 11101-8
N. Doxey.....11111 11110-9
C. Tate.....11011 11111-9

C. F. Youngs.....11011 11111-9
J. J. Schuck.....11011 11111-9
W. Woodmood.....01011 11001-6
W. B. Leffingwell.....01110 01010-4

John VanEpps.....11101 11110-8
McArthur took first prize; on ties of 9, Jenkins shot three straight and took second; on ties of 8, Gates won third money.
Some sweeps were then shot and these were followed by a private match for \$50, at 25 balls.

McArthur.....00111 01111 01001 11000 10000-12
Trull.....10111 11001 11101 01000 11001-15
Fourth day was devoted to sweepstakes and private matches at balls. The principal matches were those between L. H. Rose, of Clinton, Doxie and McArthur, of Genesee, Ill.

L. H. Rose.....11111 11001-8
L. H. Rose.....11111 11100-8
McArthur.....11101 00000-4
Doxey.....11110 10101-7

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J. L. Pratt.....11111 01111-9
E. Mayo.....11100 11111-8
J. S. Joles.....01111 01111-8
C. Penfield.....01010 01111-6

Wells, of Genesee, won 1st money, \$45; Gates, McArthur, Pratt, Tate, Youngs and Schuck shot off ties on 9, McArthur, Pratt and Schuck taking three straight. On second trial McArthur, of Genesee, and Pratt, of Sycamore, shot 3 straight and divided second money, \$30. Ties on 8 were shot off by Leffingwell, Wilcox, Beers, Carter, Price, Mayo, Joles, Ayer, Doxey and Allen; Wilcox, Beers, Price, Mayo and Allen shot 3 straight. On second trial Beers, Price and Allen shot 3 straight. On third trial Allen, of Genesee, shot 3 straight, and won 3d money, \$15. Ties on 7 were shot off by VanEpps, Gardner and Bates, Gardner, of Lansing, shooting 3 straight, and taking fourth money, \$10.

After the bird shooting, a sweepstakes glass ball match was shot by Beers, McArthur, Gates, Ballou, Bissell, Ayer, Smith, Kiefer, Wilcox, Woodmood, Brice, Trull, Doxey, Gardner, Price, Bid Gage, Leffingwell, VanEpps, Ennis, Schuck, Youngs, Allen and Bates—Mr. Ennis, a stranger in the field up to this time, shooting 5 straight; also Mr. Ballou, the two dividing first. Second money was divided between Ayer and Smith after a long trial, darkness having found the two men still tied.

Third day.—
C. A. Gardner.....11100-3
C. Kieffers.....11110-4
W. Blaisell.....10110-3
L. H. McComber.....10111-4

W. Woodmood.....10001-2
Youngs took 1st money and Kieffers and McComber divided second. The next was a sweepstakes glass ball shoot, as follows:
Gardner.....01111-4
Kieffers.....11111-5
Ennis.....01111-4
Bissell.....01111-4

Youngs.....10111-4
McComber.....10001-2
Schuck.....10111-4
Woodmood.....01111-4
Crossman.....10111-4
Kieffers and Smith divided first money; Bissell won 2d by shooting 3 straight in the contest on ties of 4.

The next match was a glass ball sweepstakes with some fine shooting, as follows:
Gardner.....11111-5
Kieffers.....10111-4
Ennis.....10111-4
McComber.....10111-5

Woodmood.....10111-4
Penfield.....11000-2
Crossman.....11110-4
Joles.....11111-5
Leffingwell.....11111-5
Smith.....11111-5

Beers.....10111-4
Doxey.....00110-2
Trull.....11111-5
On ties of five, Leffingwell, Youngs and Trull shot three straight each; on second trial, Leffingwell shot three straight and got first money. Ties of 4 were shot off, Crossman and Joles breaking three straight each; on second trial, Crossman broke three straight and took second money. On ties of 3, Rose shot four out of five, taking third money.

Same day, purse \$100; ten birds, 21 yards rise.
F. H. McArthur.....11111 11111-10
D. Beers.....11101 11101-7
W. B. Leffingwell.....11110 11111-9

T. Ennis.....11101 10111-7
C. A. Gardner.....01111 11111-9
J. W. Gates.....11101 11111-9
T. Jinks.....11111 01111-9

W. Blaisell.....11101 10001-6
C. Crossman.....00110 01111-6
N. Doxey.....11111 10110-8
C. F. Youngs.....11111 11110-10

W. Woodmood.....01111 10011-7
W. B. Trull.....01101 11111-8
J. S. Joles.....11111 11101-9
G. S. Wells.....11110 01111-8

J. J. Schuck.....10111 10101-7
C. Tate.....00111 11111-8
Chas. Penfield.....11110 10111-8
McArthur and Youngs divided first money. On ties of 9, Leffingwell and Gardner got three straight each and divided second money. On ties of 8, Wells and Penfield shot three straight each and divided third money. On ties of 7, Woodmood shot three straight and took fourth money.

The next shoot was a sweepstake, \$5 each; ten birds, 21 yards rise.
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D. Beers.....11101 11101-8
N. Doxey.....11111 11110-9

T. Jinks.....11111 01111-9
C. Tate.....11011 11111-9
J. J. Schuck.....11011 11111-9
C. F. Youngs.....11011 10111-8

W. Woodmood.....01011 11001-6
W. B. Leffingwell.....01110 01010-4
John VanEpps.....11101 11110-8
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Trull.....10111 11001 11101 01000 11001-15

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McArthur.....11101 00000-4
Doxey.....11110 10101-7

E. H. CALLENDER, Manager.

VIRGINIA, NEVADA.—*Editor Chicago Field*.—The second quarterly match for 1878 of the Virginia City Shooting Club, was held yesterday at Steamboat Springs. The day was fine but very windy. The contest was for three prizes—first, the champion gold medal and a hunting coat, presented by Senator Schultz; second, a keg of powder; third, three boxes of Ely shells.

The match was at twelve single rises at 21 yards, 80 yards boundary; club rules to govern. Referee, Mr. Edwards; judges, Messrs. Thos. Stephens and Jos. Deming; scorer, Mr. Dillon:

T. Diamond.....11111 01101-10
H. Schoeneman.....00101 11000-5
B. Robinson.....11011 00101-7

J. L. Conroy.....11111 10110-7
Geo. Kritzer.....00110 11111-9
A. Hooper.....11011 01111-10
W. Dorrner.....11011 11111-11

D. H. Jackson.....11011 10101-9
F. Bishop.....11100 01010-6
J. H. McCauley.....11111 11011-11
E. A. Schultz.....01111 01101-9

S. Kaneen.....10111 01100-8
W. D. C. Gibson.....11011 11111-11
H. G. Parker.....01111 10111-10
E. Harris.....01011 10110-8

Ties on 11 were then shot off at five birds, at 26 yards, as follows:
Dorrner.....10011-3
McCauley.....01111-4
Ties on 10, at 26 yards:

Diamond.....11011-4
Parker.....00100-1
Ties on 9, at 26 yards:
Kritzer.....11011-2

Schultz.....10111-4
First prize and medal to Mr. McCauley, of Gold Hill; second prize to Mr. Diamond, of Gold Hill, and the third prize to Mr. Jackson, of Virginia City.

WACO, TEXAS.—*Editor Chicago Field*.—We have a new gun club organized in Waco by the name of Tatham Gun Club, and I will say that they have a very strong club in regard to shooting. I don't think that Texas can beat them (that is any other club in Texas). Most all the members are business men and only organized for pleasure, and they use fine breech-loaders, in fact they are a nice and good set of men.

We have two clubs here, the Waco Gun Club and the Tatham Gun Club; both have some very good shots, hard to beat in the field or the trap. The Tatham club use the Huber Rotary Traps, Waco Gun Club Bogardus traps. The Tatham Club was out for practice Saturday 20th. You will see by the names that most of them did belong to the Waco Gun Club at one time.

Twenty glass balls.
Jno. Thompson.....10110 11011 11011 11111-16
C. C. McCulloch.....11111 11011 11011 11101-17

W. S. Almond.....11111 11111 11111 11101-19
C. M. Downs.....11101 11011 11011 11111-18
H. M. Thompson.....11110 11010 11011 11111-15

E. McCall.....11101 11011 11011 11011-15
E. Early.....11101 11011 11011 11111-17
H. C. Hubby.....11011 11011 11011 11011-15
Jno. C. West.....11011 10011 10101 10111-14

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LOVE OF BIRDS.—Mr. Tom Stagg's coops, on the corner of Southport and Fallerton avenues, this city, are worth a visit. In them and at Dexter Park he has twenty-three

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CHICAGO, SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1878.

[Special Telegram to the CHICAGO FIELD.]

NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION.

BUFFALO, May 22, 1878.

Convention a great success; attendance very large. Rochester chosen as next place to hold convention.

Officers elected were President, Hon. A. B. Lamberton, Rochester; First Vice-president, A. L. Childs, Seneca Falls; Second Vice-president, Horace Silsby, Seneca Falls; Recording Secretary, John B. Sage, Buffalo; Corresponding Secretary, Edwin Redmond, Rochester; Treasurer, W. J. Babcock, Rochester.

On Tuesday the first shoot, ten single birds, closed with 114 entries. First prize, a \$200 Greener gun, was won by J. F. Lawrence, Seneca Falls; second prize, a meerschaut pipe, valued at \$75, was won by Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo; third prize, twenty-pounds of Dupont powder, valued at \$30, was won by J. Witmer, Niagara Falls; fourth prize, Bogardus glass ball trap and balls, valued at \$15, was won by P. J. Fischer, Buffalo; fifth prize, Case & Bedell cartridge belt, valued at \$10, won by J. Sees, Clyde.

On Monday night the delegates were sumptuously entertained by the Forester Club.

Contest No. 2, for amateurs, on single birds; closed with 124 entries. First prize, a \$300 Nichols & Lefevre gun, won by T. H. Dunham, Albion; second prize, a case of game birds, valued at \$100, won by Frank Chaffee, Rochester; third prize, twenty-four pounds of Hazard powder, value \$30, won by J. Frazier, Syracuse; fourth prize, 200 pounds chilled shot, value \$30, won by Robert Fulton, Niagara Falls; fifth prize, Huber & Co. glass ball trap and barrel of Paine's glass balls, value \$20, won by J. V. Pierce, Buffalo. Weather fine. MOHAWK.

[Special Telegram to the CHICAGO FIELD.]

NEBRASKA STATE SPORTSMEN'S CONVENTION.

OMAHA, May 22.—At Nebraska State Sportsmen's Convention held here, Champion Cup for club teams won by Fremont Club. Five others shot.

THE NEW YORK SHOW.

Not as Good as Last Year's.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A PAIR?

The "Chicago Field" Ordered out of the Show.

The second annual bench show of the Westminster Kennel Club will not bear comparison with the show last year, nor with any show this year, excepting in the non-sporting classes. St. Louis, Boston and Baltimore entirely eclipsed it in the sporting classes; and in a pecuniary point the show was not a success. Last year the club realized over \$10,000, notwithstanding some fraudulent tickets were sold outside. The number of visitors was estimated at 40,000. This year the club will make about \$500, and the number of visitors is short of 30,000.

The expenses this year, it is true, are very much heavier than last year; for instance, they were compelled to pay Mr. Gillmore \$5,000 for the rent of the garden against \$1,500 last year for three days, and half the receipts of the extra day, which he demanded as a condition of the show being continued an extra day. But notwithstanding this extortion of Gillmore's, which the club will never submit to again, and several other expenditures which might have been avoided and left a fair profit out of the receipts, yet the fact is evident that the financial success of the show is not what both the club and the public expected. For with the prestige of last year's success and the increased interest in dogs the attendance this year should have been doubled.

Those members of the club with whom we conversed on the subject, attribute the decrease in attendance to the hard times, many who could last year, not being able this year, to expend fifty cents. This show, they claim, to use their own words, was patronized by the wealthy as well as the last, but lacked the support of the poorer classes.

We must candidly say we failed to see any difference in the "quality" of the audience. Judging from external appearance, those of this year appeared the same as those of last year. There was, however, one difference very noticeable, the fewer sportsmen this year. Last year everybody seemed to be there. This year the majority of sportsmen were absent, which is, no doubt, to be attributed to the fact that it was generally believed, indeed, members of the Club told it, that the non-sporting dogs were desired more than the sporting dogs, as there was more money in them. The sportsmen, therefore, as a mass, did not take the interest in the show they did last year.

The Club, doubtless, have realized that a non-sporting show will not pay. The sporting dogs are a feature of a show, and the sportsmen a source of revenue which no bench show association can afford to throw overboard. Amongst their non-sporting friends and acquaintances each sportsman is regarded so much an authority on all that pertains to dogs that a word of praise or condemnation of the quality of a show influences it accordingly. The inferior quality of the dogs compared with those last year was so evident that a comparison prejudicial to this show was invited, which told outside freely, as it was, kept many away, for people will go to see that which is better, but not that which is worse than they have seen. Meeting sev-

eral since the show, and expressing surprise at not having seen them at the show, we were told the reason, that they had heard that the show was not as good as the last.

We think it would be a good idea if shows would make the charge one day twenty-five cents.

Just previous to the show, when it was evident that the cracks were not coming, a semi-sporting journal which has claimed to be the organ of the Westminster Kennel Club lost its head and indulged in a tirade against the absentees, congratulating the public, and itself in particular, that the "mug hunters" and "rounders" were absent this year. Unfortunately, it forgot that the mug hunters are the biggest attractions to the show. It is the mug hunters which the public go to see, and the absence of the mug hunters we think was a great loss to the treasury. No better evidence can be adduced to substantiate the fact that mug hunters are the feature of attraction in a show than that Sensation's stall was crowded all the time; everybody wanted to see him. Numerous were the inquiries for mug hunter and rounder Gladstone, and mug hunter and rounder Royal Duke, mug hunter and rounder Elcho, mug hunter and rounder Rufus, mug hunter and rounder Druid, mug hunter and rounder Dilleley's Ranger, mug hunter and rounder Strong's Pete, mug hunter and rounder Rupert, and mug huntresses and rounders Royal Fan, Dart, Diana, Floss, etc., etc., were anxiously inquired for.

The daily press of the two Sunday morning's previous to the opening of the show, taking their cue from the journal referred to, indulged in more bosh regarding the show than we have ever before seen. Not only were "mug hunter" and "rounder" freely used, but the public were assured that the mug hunters and rounders had been refused an entry, which was the most foolish thing which could have been done, as the public knew full well that meant that the best dogs would not be there, since none but good looking dogs go "mug hunting." Certainly the daily press deserve much credit for their efforts in behalf of the show. Although they did write all the trash and stuff they were told to write yet still they in the innocence of their hearts believed it and meant well, and thought they were contributing to the success of the show.

It is proper for us to here remark that the popular impression, and "Free Lance's" in a recent issue, that the semi-sporting journal alluded to is owned or supported by the funds of the Westminster Club is a mistake. When it first started five members of the club had stock in it; the membership of the club being twenty it could not be called a club paper, notwithstanding its aspirations to be so considered. Lately, however, three of these gentlemen, Dr. Webb, Mr. Walter Webb, and Mr. De Forest Grant, had severed their connection with it, leaving the editor of it and another member of the club who invested \$500 in it, the only two members of the club interested in it. The club very properly do not think they should be held responsible for the blunders and mistakes of the would-be organ.

The classification was very unpopular and fully justified our criticisms of it. We did not meet one but disliked it. Indeed the club by their classification and the statement of some of the members regarding their preference for the non-sporting dogs alienated the sympathies of many local sportsmen as well as those at a distance.

As an evidence of the absurd Gordon and Irish setter classification, in each was an Irish-Gordon, the black-tan in the black and tan class and the red dog in the red class.

Throwing the imported and native setters together resulted as we predicted, notwithstanding it was claimed Mr. Lort, coming here a stranger, ignorant of the breeding of the dogs, would be an impartial judge, and that the natives would go to the front. The sage who so stated forgot that a man with the experience of Mr. Lort knows each particular strain of dog the moment he sees it. This was very noticeable in his judging. Like every other man of experience the moment he looked at them he knew a Laverack, a Llewellyn, or a native. We never saw any one so surprised as he was when Mr. Lengerke told him that Jersey Duke was a native. It seemed impossible to make him believe it.

We can not say Mr. Lort was a success as a judge. In some instances his judgments were correct, but in a very great many they were not. We think the exhibitors at large are disappointed and dissatisfied with his decisions. There is one thing we cannot understand why Mr. Lort attaches so much importance to the stern of a dog. It seems to be the first thing he looks at. It counts only 5 out of the hundred; yet, judging from his awards, he must regard it as worth more. In this he reminds us of an exhibitor at the St. Louis show who failed to get a prize. Passing his dog's stall he poured into our ears his tale of woe, and remarked: "Now, they say my dog hasn't a good head, but look at that tail, will you; when did you ever see a better one?"

Mr. Lort objects to the Field Trial dogs, or as they are called by some now, the Llewellyn dogs, on account of their tails. With Mr. Lort the sting is in the tail, and the last is first and the first is last.

The inquiry was made for the Western dogs, and reasons, which we do not care to discuss here, were given for their absence by those who assumed facts because they wished them to be facts. In return, we will inquire where were the New England, New York state, Delaware, Philadelphia, and Maryland dogs? Probably the same reasons which kept the one away, kept the other.

We must congratulate Mr. Lincoln on the great improvement in his arrangements and management of the show this year. The stalls were so much better arranged and gave so much more room. The attendants were a very superior class of men; and a very great improvement was keeping the dust down, which last year was something terrible. Everything seemed to work more smoothly this year, showing that Mr. Lincoln had been allowed greater latitude in managing the details of the show. Mr. Lort complimented him very highly.

The judging was done in public but was terribly delayed. Each day hours were frittered away and the judges' ring was empty, and it was not until Friday evening at half-past five o'clock—four and a half hours within the hour of closing the show—that it was finished. Mr. Lincoln's intention was to push it through as quickly as possible; and the first day he did admirably, so much so that every one expected Tuesday evening would complete it; but he was interfered with and delayed, as it was feared if got through with Tuesday night it would affect the gate receipts—which is all bosh. It is an imposition on exhibitors, delaying the judging as it was delayed here. Had it not been delayed Mr. Taylor would have won the cup, but by the death of his dog he loses it. Here is an instance of an exhibitor sacrificed by delaying the judging.

The facilities for the press were very poor. A seat on the edge of the ring was all that was allowed. Now, we insist on it, we, as a reporter, had a right to be seated at the table, which was in the centre of the ring, by which we could see the dogs as they appeared in the ring. It would not only have been an act of courtesy to us, but simply our right. The show and the public expect a full report. To do so we must have facilities. So far as getting the awards there was no trouble, every facility was afforded, but what we find fault with is, the press did not have the same courtesies paid them here as at St. Louis, Boston and Baltimore, by being admitted to the ring.

It would add much to the interest of the judging if as soon as decided the ribbons were attached to the prize dogs and they were

led around the ring. Then the spectators could tell which dogs got the prizes, whereas now, they cannot.

The exhibitors were much incensed at being charged a dollar each for an admission ticket after having paid all the way from six to twenty-eight dollars entrance fees. We think the club made a mistake in making this charge, as no other show has done it, and it does not seem to us right.

Mr. H. Y. Leavitt withdrew his entries, Sancho, Athol and C. H. Sage's Eldora, in consequence of incorrect classification. His friend who went to enter his dogs was told at the office of the Club that in order to get Sancho into special class G, for the best setter dog bred in the United States from native parents, he must enter him in the champion English setter class; notwithstanding that Sancho, black, tan and white, had won 1st prize in the Gordon class last year. Mr. Morris was going to protest Sancho as not being an English setter, and so Mr. Leavitt, feeling he had been wrongly informed, where he ought to have had correct information, withdrew his dogs, and Mr. Morris withdrew his protest.

Mercillott's Pet was protested in class H, for best setter bitch from native parents, on the ground of her being by imported Sam—Bertha, and the protest was sustained.

The weather was, with the exception of one day, good, and on that day it rained but a very short time. Altogether the Club was very lucky in the choice of weather.

The CHICAGO FIELD was ordered out of the show, and in this manner: In an interview with the secretary, Dr. Webb, a few days before the show, we were informed that no paper or placards would be allowed tacked up on the stalls or any other part of the garden, nor would anything but the catalogue be allowed to be hawked around for sale; that there would be a stand where papers could be left on sale. To Dr. Webb we expressed our perfect willingness to accede to all of the conditions imposed, so long as they extended to each and all alike. Acting upon the information received from Dr. Webb, on Tuesday morning we gave to a stand, on which books and catalogues were being sold, copies of the CHICAGO FIELD, remarking to the boy attending it, to "pocket the proceeds" of what copies he sold. Shortly after we were informed that Mr. Tileston, chairman of the bench show committee and editor of the would-be organ of the Westminster Kennel Club, had ordered the paper out of the building. The boy confirmed the statement in these words: "Mr. Tileston said: 'What are you doing with that paper in here; if you sell another copy of it I'll throw you out of the building; take it off the table.' After going a short distance he returned and said: 'Take it out of the building; if you don't I'll throw you out with it; I won't allow it in the building.'"

That the statement could be corroborated we got two gentlemen and had the boy repeat the statement to them. One suggested to leave the paper on the table and force Mr. Tileston to carry his threat into execution, but as we did not want to get the boy in trouble we folded the papers up and sent them out of the show. A short time afterwards a large placard was posted up announcing that subscriptions would be received for the journal, of which Mr. Tileston is editor, and on Friday morning a large bundle of the papers was put on the table for sale. As soon as Dr. Webb's attention was called to it by some one he ordered it off the table, declaring if one paper could not be sold another should not. The bundle was put under the table, but as soon as Dr. Webb had gone out of sight a copy of the paper was put on the table and kept there the remainder of the day. The club we attach no blame to for the treatment the CHICAGO FIELD received. There was a desire evinced by the club to treat all alike. We lay the odium on whom it belongs—Mr. Tileston.

On Tuesday night Mr. Bergh, who was to have opened the show, remembering his experience of last year, when the dogs' barking drowned his voice, handed the committee the following address instead of delivering it:

To the Managers of the Westminster Kennel Club:

GENTLEMEN: The purpose of all cultivated thought is to seek for the highest development. To this end, institutions of learning are established, and mankind is refined and ennobled thereby. There seems to be no just reason why this spirit of intellectual progress should not apply to all the sentient beings that come under the dominion of man; more especially those animals we domesticate, and which oft become our companions and friends. Among those faithful dumb creatures which surround us, none is more familiar to the household than the dog; and to educate him, to bring him to his highest state of perfection, both in form and action, is a matter of positive self-interest. Therefore, anything which tends to this result is desirable, and for this reason, if for none other, this exhibition of finely-cultured dogs should meet with public favor. "The dog," says Cuvier, "is the most complete, the most remarkable, and the most useful conquest ever made by man." But what can be said of this inestimable creature that has not been said already? The language of panegyric would be exhausted before his excellent virtues could be described as they merit. His fidelity, his courage, his vigilance, his gratitude, his generosity, each the theme of merited praise, win our love and respect. The favorite of children, the chosen companion of women, the watch and guardian of our homes, the guide of the blind, the participator of man's excursions by land and sea, the defender of the shepherd's fold, the detector of the thief and robber, the fleet courier that transports the Esquimaux in his sledge over the Arctic waste of snow. If such a benefactor to man has not a special claim to his protection and kindness, nay, to affectionate regard, what has? He ventures life and limb in our service; he explores the mountain waste and faces the wintry tempest in search of the traveler that has been overwhelmed by the snow-drift; he springs into the foaming torrent to secure its threatened victim from destruction; he breaks the boisterous surges of the ocean to convey a rope to the shipwrecked mariners, by which he achieves their deliverance; he recognizes his beloved master after twenty years' absence, and expires at his feet in a paroxysm of joy at his return.

That excellent lady, the Baroness Burdett Coutts, desiring to rear a monument illustrating that beautiful quality—fidelity, chose for her model the faithful dog, "Grey Friar's Bobby," which for nine long years, made his resting place upon the grave of his beloved master. May we not appropriately ask ourselves, do we monopolize all the human virtues?

Go on, gentlemen, in your noble undertaking, for it means progress, beauty, refinement. Yours very truly, HENRY BERGH, President.

THE DOGS.

The dogs generally seemed in bad condition; most of them were either shedding or had shed their coats, and the new ones had not grown out. The quality of the dogs, we have already stated, was not equal to last year. The Gordon class was the best class in the show.

Entering the garden from the main or Madison avenue entrance, at the left hand, in the centre, or what might be considered the main portion of the garden commencing with Sensation No. 1 and running to number nineteen were the pointers of the Westminster Kennel Club, on exhibition only. Following in succession were the mastiffs, St. Bernards, Newfoundlands, Siberians, greyhounds and deerhounds, by which time the end of the line had been reached, and a return commenced on the opposite side which, beginning with champion pointers, finished the row out with champion English setter dogs. Turning to the right on the Twenty-seventh street side aisle began the champion English setter bitches, and continued English setters on one side the entire length, and Irish setters and spaniels on the opposite side until reaching the Fourth avenue side the foxhounds, which, running the Twenty-sixth street side aisle, merged into the harriers, beagles, dachshunds, fox-terriers, collies, bull dogs and bull-terriers, while opposite were English setter puppies, Gordon setters, and the beginning of the class of the Irish setters, which having reached, one had returned to the Madison avenue entrance from which he had started. In the centre at the lower end of the building, towards Fourth avenue, were the toy dogs.

As last week we gave by telegraph a full list of the awards, we shall now only briefly refer to them.

The dogs numbered 824, being 116 short of the number the club limited themselves to receive, which was 940, and fifty less than last year.

THE NUMBER OF SPORTING DOGS EXHIBITED.				
	New York show.	St. Louis show.	Boston show.	Baltimore show.
1878.				
English setters.....	122	145	131	104
Irish setters.....	108	88	80	48
Gordon setters.....	64	80	07	32
Pointers.....	78	143	114	45
Total.....	372	456	392	229

NEW YORK SHOWS.			
	1877.	1878.	Short.
English setters.....	150	122	28
Irish setters.....	147	108	39
Gordon setters.....	83	64	19
Pointers.....	118	78	40
Total.....	498	372	126

THE AWARDS.

MASTIFFS had fourteen entries in the dog and four in the bitch class and could not be compared with last year's exhibit. In the bitch class Mr. Lort withheld the second and third prizes for want of merit. In the dog class we preferred the third prize dog, Mr. Norton's Boss, to Mr. Hewitt's Hereward.

ROUGH COATED ST. BERNARDS had six entries in the dog and two in the bitch class, and were, like the mastiffs, inferior to those exhibited last year. Mr. Lort withheld the third prize in the dog class for want of merit. In the bitch class, Mr. LeRoy Collins' Neva was given the first, but the second was withheld for want of merit, and the third because there was no competition.

SMOOTH COATED ST. BERNARDS had six entries in the dog and two in the bitch class. In the bitch class Mr. Lort refused to give an award as he considered neither of the entries deserving of it. But subsequently the club persuaded him to reconsider the class which he did, and awarded second and third prizes, but withheld the first.

NEWFOUNDLANDS numbered, dogs and bitches twenty-three, and were not a good class. Mr. Livingston's Hayes entered, winner at Boston and Baltimore, was poisoned at his home in Owego, after returning from the Baltimore show.

SIBERIAN OR ULM DOGS were a splendid class and numbered, including dogs and bitches, thirteen. Guido, which ought to have got first prize, could not be got out of his stall, no one daring to approach him, consequently Dr. Twaddell gave him second, which was the best he could do under the circumstances. His owner afterwards informed us that his great delight was biting people. Recently he had paid one hundred and sixty dollars for his childlike and bland treatment of a neighbor. The class generally were very savage and some suggested to Dr. Twaddell to examine them at a distance with a powerful telescope. Mr. Jones had Bruce in a large cage with iron bars and Bruno and Alma in another. Looking at them they presented the appearance of tigers in a menagerie, and looked about as safe to any one who should enter their cages.

GREYHOUNDS were a good class and numbered dogs and bitches twenty-three.

DERHOUNDS had four entries. The third prize was not awarded. Paul Dana's Bran, winner of first last year, is a fine dog, and we think deserved first this year, but failed to be noticed.

CHAMPION POINTERS—Dogs over 50 lbs., had five entries, of which only four were for competition; Mr. DuBois Wagstaff's Till, winner of first at last year's show, was for exhibition only, Mr. Wagstaff being a member of the club. The prize was awarded to St. Louis Kennel Club's Sleaford, for which we liked Orgill's Rush better. The other competitors—Dr. Borland's Dash, a liver and white ticked, winner of first at Boston, and Thomas' Dash, a lemon and white, are both good looking dogs. In the bitch class there were only two—Lindsay's Dolly and Orgill's Romp, both lemon and white. At the St. Louis show these bitches met, and Dolly, judged by Mr. Davidson, beat Romp. We prefer Mr. Davidson's decision to Mr. Lort's, as we think Dolly is the better bitch, being less leggy and with a better body and head than Romp.

POINTERS—Dogs over 50 lbs., open class, were good. Mr. Lort commended the class as being excellent. The St. Louis Kennel Club's Bow, liver and white, an imperial looking dog, with a grand body magnificently ribbed, and with head and feet as good as we ever saw, a dog combining quality and substance, whose only fault is that he is a little throaty, was awarded first. But we regret to say that Bow's appearance justified the suspicion of being mangy, which was against him. We are sure Mr. Sterling would not have brought him into the show had he thought so, and it is true the night he was admitted, while not in good condition, yet he did not look like a mangy dog, but after the second day the symptoms showed themselves very plainly. We think the club is careless about the condition of the dogs. A competent veterinarian should have been appointed to determine the sanitary condition of the dogs, if the secretary, Dr. Webb, who is in every way competent, had a delicacy in acting in the matter. There were several other dogs besides Bow whose condition justified suspicion.

Second prize went to Coffin's Rake II, a handsome white dog with an orange colored head; a good head, body, legs, chest, loin, stern quarters and stifles, but a rather long back. Hobart's Rapp, a liver and white ticked, got third place; we should have preferred him for second, as we think he has a better chest and back, and is a better coupled dog than Rake, though inferior to him in stern, and with a little too much flow. Davis' Dan, a white dog with an orange head; a good dog with a better chest and back than Rake, received no recognition, which was an error. Bell's Mac, a very good dog, got a V.H.C., as did also Button, which we did not like as well as same owner's black dog Don, which also got a V.H.C. Heckscher's Dan, liver and white, deserved notice; although in bad condition, yet he is a good dog. Among those which were highly commended, were Lindsay's Viscount, in bad coat; Sewell's Patch, a white dog with a liver head, a good body but with a somewhat snipe-nose; Miley's liver and white Jocko, and Weighell's lemon and white Don. Weighell's lemon and white Rock we liked better than Don, although in bad condition and with a bad stern. Cornwell's Bob, liver, a grandson of Strong's Pete, failed to get the recognition he deserved. The commended were: Stow's liver and white Reuben and Elise; Ike Leavitt's Dash was absent.

The bitches of same class were a fair lot. The pride of place went to Hammond's Psyche white and tan, a very handsome and well made, remarkably good all round bitch. She had just weaned a litter of puppies by Sensation, but was in good condition and in fine coat. The second prize bitch, White's Grace, is a good bitch but has a snipe-nose. Juno, the winner of third prize, we did not think much of. Her head is faulty and her ears disposed to prick. Pinkney's Juno was commended.

CHAMPION POINTERS UNDER 50 LBS.—Had but an entry each in the dog and bitch class. In the dog class the Baltimore Kennel Club's Setton, the entry, was not present. Orgill's Rose, in good condition, was awarded the prize in the bitch class.

POINTER DOGS UNDER 50 LBS.—Were a very poor lot. How Mr. Lort could have very highly commended, highly commended,

and commended the entire class, with one exception, we cannot understand. Had he withheld the prizes and turned the class out he would have been justified. One dog is a dropper, his sire being a black and tan Gordon setter. The list of awards were published in our last.

The bitches were a very good lot. Mr. Orgill's Belle was only highly commended, whereas she was fully entitled to the first prize, being a better bitch in every point than either of the prize bitches. Colburn's Belle, second prize, and Snellenburg's Topsy, third prize, we liked better than the first prize bitch, Godeffroy's Queen. Barker's Princess was absent.

POINTER DOG PUPPIES OVER 6 AND UNDER 12 MONTHS.—Were a very good lot. Colburn's Jerry, a lemon and white, by Sensation out of his Belle, was awarded first, while Milo Seagar's Sam, also by Sensation, out of Hamilton's Lady Frances, was awarded second. Emmett's Rake, a very good dog, by Snapshot, out of Juno, got a V.H.C., and Godeffroy's Snooks, Snellenburg's Toby and Phillips' Jonnie, were each commended.

The bitch puppies of same age were also a good lot. Emmett's Nell, liver and white, litter sister to his Rake, deservedly got first; Lamb's Elf, lemon and white, a pretty bitch with a good coat, a litter sister to Jerry, went into second place. The Rev. R. G. Hamilton's liver and white Flirt, a very pretty bitch, litter sister to his Sam, was very highly commended. Godeffroy's Nell, liver and white, litter sister to his Snooks, was highly commended. Moller's Gwendolen, black, and Godeffroy's liver and white Kitty got each a C.

POINTER DOG PUPPIES UNDER 6 MONTHS.—Had one entry, Orgill's Rocket, which had a walk-over for the first prize. In the bitch class there were three entries. Orgill's Rella got first and Seagar's Judy second.

CHAMPION ENGLISH SETTER—Dogs had three entries, but Pride of the Border and Sancho being absent Lark was the only one which came before the judge, and was awarded the prize.

CHAMPION ENGLISH SETTER BITCHES—Had three entries, Merrell's Grace, winner of first in the open native class last year, Landenberger's Laverack Magnet, winner of first in open class, Baltimore, '77, and Raymond's Laverack Fairy, winner of first in Springfield, '75. Grace was in bad form; just shedding her coat she had lost her feather. Magnet was looking well. Fairy was not in very good condition, having just weaned a large litter of puppies; the pride of place was given to her.

ENGLISH SETTER DOGS, OPEN CLASS—Had fifty-seven entries, among which were some very good dogs, and some very poor ones. Raymond's blue belton Rhoderick Dhu, a son of Pride of the Border and Fairy, was awarded first prize. The second prize went to Ranger II, which was one of the worst errors in judging we ever saw. Last year he was a fair looking dog, but as we saw him in the ring on Wednesday, we did not consider him worthy of even a commend. He has a slack loin, a short neck, a straight flank, a back as hollow as an old brood mare, is out at the elbows and bow-legged; added to which he was in bad condition. Indeed, the dog looked like a wreck of his former self, which former self even would not have entitled him to have won second over the dogs he did beat. It is impossible to comprehend how a judge, with the experience Mr. Lort has had, could have blundered as he did. Raymond's Procyon, Brough, Young Laverack, Snellenburg's Thunder, Spier's St. Elmo, Lengerke's Jersey Duke, Gaines' Blue Blood, Raymond's Bruce, and Leavitt's Sir Launcelot, are each and every one better. Not only these, but there were native dogs that were never commended even, which are better dogs. Were we to have many such awards we should advocate sweeping bench shows out of existence. The third prize went to Lengerke's Jersey Duke, a pure native his owner asserts him to be, but so like an imported dog that Mr. Lort was very much surprised when he learned that he was not, and believes he has a Laverack cross in him. Although there were only three prizes, St. Elmo was awarded a medal. Having lost his feather he was in anything but good show form, but he has developed into a fine dog. Procyon, a younger son of Pride of the Border and Fairy, than Rhoderick Dhu, was given a V.H.C., as also Brough, another son. Bruce, not in good show form, Leavitt's Sir Launcelot, a good looking orange and white, and Gaines' Blue Blood, a blue belton, a capital little dog, faulty behind, however, completed the V.H.C.s. We were much surprised to see Snellenburg's Thunder, a remarkably promising young dog, a son of Pride of the Border and Fairy II, get only an H.C., and young Laverack only a C. Costar's St. Patrick, a very good dog for his age, fourteen months, and Morris' Czar, a son of Leicester and Petrel, thirteen months old, highly commended we liked. Keller's Duke, a white and black, is a good bodied dog with a good head, but slightly disposed to lumber. Ferguson's William has a good body but a snipe nose. One-eyed Sancho, although eleven years old, looked as though he could stand hard work yet. He is orange and white, a very workmanlike dog and was commended. A son of his, Glen, deserved commendation. Kingfisher, a son of Lark and Gen. Ely's Nell, deserved the H.C. he got. He is a promising young dog. Guy Mannering, Lincoln & Hillyar's Frank II, Dr. Carlton's Dash and Weighell's Robert Horton were absent.

The full list of awards appeared in our last.

The bitches in same class numbering twenty-four were like the dogs, good and bad, but Mr. Lort put his foot in it again when he gave Rhoda, a sister of Macdonna's Ranger, and aunt of Ranger II the first prize. What feet! When we say her skull is good and her ears well put on we have told all her claims to the first prize. Moreover, the bitch had a litter of eight six weeks old sucking puppies. She therefore, was not in show form; consequently it could be only speculation on her body when in show condition, for if judged as she was, the hollow of her back was equal to her nephew's, Ranger II. The award to this bitch of the first prize created as great surprise and caused as much adverse criticism as did the second prize in the dog class to Ranger II. The knowing ones knew a thing or two and soon there were as many different stories as there were tongues to tell of her ownership, etc. Determined to get at the truth we instituted an inquiry and found the following to be the facts: Rhoda was sent out by Mr. Macdonna some seven weeks or so ago to Mr. Tileston to be sold. She whelped soon after her arrival. She was afterwards sold to Mr. Jesse W. Starr, of Camden, N. J., but entered in the name of the Ashcroft Kennel Club, whether before or after the sale we do not know. Her eight puppies were divided between Mr. Tileston, Mr. Starr, and Mr. Pease the secretary of the Ashcroft Kennel Club, who had charge of her soon after her arrival until Saturday last when she was shipped to Mr. Starr with the four puppies belonging to him. The division of the puppies took place on Saturday morning last, just before she was shipped. Mr. Pease acting for Mr. Starr selected the first and chose Cheadle, the one which got the V.H.C. in the dog puppy class for those under six months old. Mr. Tileston entitled to second choice took Rhoda III, winner of V.H.C. in the bitch puppy class for those under six months. Mr. Tileston's share of the puppies was three, and Mr. Pease got one.

Abbey, by Young Laverack, out of Dido, the winner of the second prize, Merrell's Pet, winner of third prize, and Scranton's Start, V.H.C., are far better than Rhoda, and the three prizes belonged to them. Jas. R. Tilley's lemon and white Tip, V.H.C., we liked very much. Warner's black bitch Kate, V.H.C., is a fine bodied bitch and a good head, but she was in bad feather. We were surprised to see Simonds' Puff, a very handsome black,

white and tan, only commended. Her stern is not good, but she is otherwise a capital, as well as a handsome bitch. DeRonge & Inman's Glen, a Pride of the Border—Dimity, commended, we should have ranked higher, as also Morris' Sultana. Abbott's Nellie, orange and white, is a handsome bitch, and received an H.C. Taylor's orange and white Nell and Lindsay's liver and white Jean were commended. Snellenburg's Phoebe II, sister to Sanborn's Nellie, resembles her sister, Belton, very much.

ENGLISH SETTER PUPPIES—Dog, over six months, were a poor lot, with the exception of Merrell's Will, out of Grace, by Morris' Pete. He is a handsome lemon and white and a very promising puppy, and deserved first. Wilks' Cruickston, a lemon and white, by Leicester—Orphina, winner of second prize, is not so good. Leavitt's Athol was withdrawn.

Bitch puppies, same class, were a very good lot. Anibel, the Baltimore winner, was awarded first, and Dr. Gouverneur Smith's Bonnie Bess second, which we think should have gone to Dr. Strachan's Lady Leicester, she being a decidedly better bitch than Bonnie Bess. Lawrence's Peg, out of Charles' Flora, V.H.C., we liked very much. Morris' Ida F. was highly commended. Sage's Eldora was absent.

Dog puppies, under six months, were a fair lot. Noel's Faust and Breeze, first and second, both by Bruce—Dido, were deserving of their awards, but why Mr. Lort left older puppies with only a commend, and gave Cheadle, out of Rhoda, a six weeks' old sucking puppy, at which age it is impossible to form a correct opinion, a V.H.C. is one of those things we can't comprehend. It is certainly unusual to very highly commend puppies at that age, and we question if wise. Indeed, no puppy should be judged at that age for the best of reasons that a correct opinion cannot be formed.

Bitch puppies, same class, had two good ones, De Ronge & Inman's Dream, a handsome lemon and white, 4½ months old, by Bruce—Dido, litter sister to Faust and Breeze, and Montague's Clamorous a blue belton by Pride of the Border—Abbey. Dream we liked the best, and when in the ring every one supposed she would get the award, but instead of which first went to Granger's Nelly II, a daughter of Ranger II, an inferior puppy in every point to Dream, and Clamorous winner of second, and Dream got only H.C., while Rhoda III, a litter sister to Cheadle, only six-weeks old, got a V.H.C. Gaines' Parker Pirl got a V.H.C. also.

CHAMPION BLACK AND TAN SETTERS—Had three entries, but only two competed—Inches' Dick and Colburn's Trump, a son of his Dash and Pryor's Belle. Pride of place was given to Trump, a large and handsome dog.

Champion bitch class had four entries, three of which only were intended to compete, but through the stupidity of one of the attendants Mr. Tileston's Lou was brought into the ring and judged before the error was discovered. Mr. Davidson gave her a high commend, but, of course, as she was not entered for competition it can not be regarded a record. Mr. Weighell's Belle, winner of first at Baltimore, was awarded the prize. Belle, however, was not in good form, not by any means as good as at Baltimore. Mr. Weighell assured us he had not had an opportunity to even brush her since he reached the show, and when we looked at her we could well understand it. Notwithstanding these drawbacks she deserved the award. Mr. Godeffroy's Beauty, a pretty bitch, deserved the V.H.C. she got.

BLACK AND TAN SETTER DOGS, OPEN CLASS—Was, we think, the best class in the show, and had twenty-six entries.

Mudge's Sam, a very handsome dog, won first, and Forman Taylor's Turk, a litter brother to Trump, a very handsome dog of good coat and tan, good head, chest and loin, won second. We should have preferred him for first place to Sam, but that he is like his sire a little too leggy. Copeland's Rake, winner of third prize, is a very handsome and well marked dog, and deserved the award. Regent, V.H.C., is a dog with a good body, chest and loin, and well marked, but his head is too much like his dam's—Lou. Van Boskerck's Wallace, by Copeland's Shot, out of Tilley's Mab, resembles his sire very much, and like him is a well marked and good bodied dog. He got an H.C., which we should have made a V.H.C.

Bitches, same class, were like the dogs, a capital class. The first prize went to Copeland's Nellie, a very handsome bitch and a hard one to beat in her class. Curtis' Bess, Don—Nellie, a handsome bitch, was second, closely pressed by Tilley's Grace, by Stoddard's Duke—Gipsy, which was awarded third place. Fisher & Bickerton's Border Lily, deserved the V.H.C. she got, as did also Martin's Rose, H.C. Rose won the bitch puppy class last year.

Dog puppies—Over six months, had two entries. The first, St. Lawrence, by Dr. Aten's Glen, out of Fisher's Border Lily, is a very handsome puppy. The second prize puppy, Don, is also a good one.

Bitches, same class, had one entry, Island Belle, litter sister to St. Lawrence, and like him, a good one. She was given first prize. There being no competition there was no second award.

Dog puppies—Under six months, had five entries, but Hart's Dash was absent. The other four were Dr. Fleet Spier's Lancaster, Buckingham, Jasper and Glendale, by Romeo—Daisy. The two first were black, white and tan, and the other two black and tan. Mr. Davidson gave Jasper, black, white and tan, first, and Buckingham, black and tan, second. They are four very fine puppies.

Bitch puppies same class, were also a very good lot. Dr. Spier's Jaquette, litter sister to Jasper, took first, and Hart's Belle second. Both are very good puppies. Cosette, a good puppy, by Pride of the Frontier—Border Lily, was highly commended.

CHAMPION RED OR RED AND WHITE SETTERS—Had four entries. The class was a very good one. The St. Louis Kennel Club's Berkeley was given the pride of place, and Callender's Rory O'Moore, winner of first in open class last year, got a V.H.C. Neither dog was in good condition, especially Rory O'Moore, his coat not having the lustre it had last year. Steward's Duke and Bacheller's Duke, Jr., winner of first in open class last year, were highly commended.

Champion bitches had two entries. St. Louis Kennel Club's Loo II received first, and Weighell's Breeze got a V.H.C.

RED OR RED AND WHITE SETTER DOGS—Had fifty entries and was not a good class. The first prize dog, Lincoln & Hillyar's Dash, imported, is a handsome dog of good rich color with a good head, chest, loin and stifles and well let down behind. We think he deserved the award. Hobart's Boss, a very close second, of the Ducat stock, is also a good dog all round and of good color. Cannon's Guy we did not like so well for third place. He is not a good red and has too much white for a red dog and not enough for a red and white. We should have given his place to Fottler's Red Hugh, or Man's Chips, the former a good all red dog, the latter a very handsome red and white. We also preferred Jerome's Moody and Harding's Barney Williams, the former very highly and the latter highly commended, to Guy.

Bitches, same class, had thirty entries, and as a class, were better than the dogs. Flora, belonging to Lincoln & Hillyar, entered as a red and white, but a very handsome red bitch, with a little white frill on chest, carried off the first prize. This bitch was imported by the late N. Saltus a short time before his death, and is one of the best bred Irish bitches in the country. Seagar's Mag was awarded second prize, but we did not like her for

the place as well as Bonnet Carre or Doe, the third prize bitch. By the way, we see Mag stated to be two years old and by Rodman's Dash. Will Mr. Seagear explain how this can be, as Rodman's Dash has been dead, if we are not mistaken, over three years? Everett Smith's Cora II and White's Lady II were well deserving of the H.C. they got. Bassford's Gypsy, commended, is a compact, well made little bitch. Lohman's Quail II was absent.

Dog puppies—Over six months, were a good lot. Red Dick, a son of Champion Elcho and Law's Jesse, a good looking puppy, carried off the first with Tara, a son of champion, Burges' and Fisher's Belle second. Count of Sligo, York—Belle got a V.H.C.

Bitch puppies, same class, were also a good lot. Red Gyp, the first prize winner, a litter sister of Red Dick, is of great promise, being of a good color, clean cut and good coat. Primrose, litter sister to Tara, a good little bitch, got second, and Nellie, Palmerston—Rouge was given a V.H.C.

Dog puppies—Under six months, had two entries. Lohman's Irwin, out of his Quail II, by Red Gauntlet, winner of the first prize, and Seagear's Jack, winner of second.

Bitch puppies, same class, had also two entries, litter sisters of the two in the dog class. Lohman's Quail III got first and Seagear's got second.

CHESAPEAKE BAY DOGS—Had two entries, but neither was present.

Bitches, same class, had two entries, two good ones—Rose and Ruby, first and second.

IRISH WATER SPANIELS—Both dogs and bitches, numbered two in each class and were not good. In the dog class the second was withheld and the first and third awarded to Finns' Mac and Cosgrove's Wallace. In the bitch class the first was withheld and second given to Cosgrove's Jessie and third to Elsmann's Fanny.

RETRIEVING SPANIELS OTHER THAN PURE IRISH—Were only fair. Aldrich's Nellie was withdrawn. The list of awards appeared in our last. There were five entries in the dog and four in the bitch class.

CLUMBER SPANIELS—Had two entries, Thorne's Trimbush, winner of first at Baltimore, and same owner's Duchess. Trimbush is a very good specimen and was awarded first, Duchess second, is fair.

COCKER SPANIELS—Were good. In the dog class the three prize dogs, Watson's Shot, Hoe's Witch and Leon's Brutus, were very good, especially Watson's Shot. In the bitch class Hollins' Feather, the first prize winner, was a rattler. Hall's Lou having whelped a day or two before the show opened, he very wisely did not exhibit her. The puppies were good, especially the first prize winner, Britton's Prince.

FIELD SPANIELS—Had one entry, Frank, a liver colored dog, and a good one.

FOXHOUNDS—Were a fair class, better than last year, but not as good as at the Baltimore show. There were twenty-four couples, of which the Queen's County Hunt exhibited five couples, with their huntsman in his scarlet coat, hunting breeches and boots. But we were very much surprised to see such a poor lot. We had heard so much of the pack that we were prepared for something extra. In the awards we think Wooden's Rover and Driver, the second prize dogs, were entitled to first place. We understand that Mr. Landenberger, who won first and third, intends sending to England some of his dogs to run in some of the packs there.

HARRIERS—Were fair. Only two entries—Weighell's Sport and mate, winners of first, and Queen's County Hunt's Bounce and Graceful, second prize.

BEAGLES—Were not good. No first was awarded. Second went to Navarro's Bruno. Bradbury's Rosie, a good one, got into the show too late to be judged, but for which she would have got first prize. There were five entries.

DACHSHUNDS—Were a good lot. Allen's Cora repeated her Baltimore victory in the bitch class and his Duke won third in the dog class. Goetting's Waldemann and Landerberger's Waldemann got in the order named second and third in the dog class, and Goetting's Waldina got second in the bitch class. The dog class had six and the bitch five entries.

FOX TERRIERS—Some were good and numbered eight in the dog and ten in the bitch class. In the dog puppy class there were thirteen and in the bitch class five entries. Walton's Trap was entered for exhibition only. Gamester and Guy took first and second in the dog class; there was no third award. Tricksey again added to her laurels, and Young Mettle again won second. Talbot's Beauty got third, and Wood's Beauty commended. The winners in the puppy class appeared in our last. Mr. Belmont's entries did not reach the show until after the class had been judged.

COLLIES—Of both dogs and bitches there were good ones, but as a class they were not as good as at Baltimore. Tam O'Shanter, the Baltimore winner, was beaten by Warren's Duncan. Tam's tan was not as good as Duncan's, being a trifle too light. The three prize dogs and bitches were very good. A full list appeared in our last, as also of the Collie puppies, which were but ordinary. The entries numbered: In the dog class, eleven; in the bitch class, five, and in the puppy class, three. Hazrau, imported from Arabia, is not an improvement for appearance on our collies.

COACH DOGS—Had four entries, of which the first and second prize dogs were good.

BULL DOGS—Had eleven entries, and some good ones. The three prize dogs were very good, especially the first prize winner, Ben.

BULL TERRIERS—Were also good. Mr. Coster's Lily and Spider, winners of second and third, but for their mottled noses, would have been first and second. They would not allow themselves to be taken out of their stalls, and Mr. Lort had to be taken to them to judge them. There were nineteen entries. In the puppy class there were nine entries, but only the first prize was awarded, and to Mrs. Neilson's Martha.

SKYE TERRIERS—The dog class had twelve entries, among which were some good ones. Tom repeated his Baltimore victory. In the bitch class there were five entries. Aspinwall's Puffy, winner of first is a good one.

PUGS—Were fair. In the dog class there were thirteen entries and in the bitch class eleven. Lena and Judy were awarded first and second in the bitch class but were protested by Mr. Beadle on the ground that being ten months old they were not eligible to a dog or bitch class, as by the rule a dog or bitch is declared to be one year or older. The club sustained the protest, and the first and second prizes were awarded to Mr. Beadle's Pet and Mr. Kieteman's Fan. But Mr. Lort declared them to be so good in quality that the club gave them a medal each. In special class W. for the best pug, dog, bitch or puppy Lena was awarded Mr. George De Forest Grant's silver fagon, valued at \$75. In sustaining the protest the club erred, as while an adult can not enter in a puppy class a puppy can enter in an adult class. The specification of the adult age was intended to protect puppies by preventing dogs or bitches a year or over competing against them and not to prevent puppies competing against adults. In a field trial a puppy can run in an aged class, but an aged dog can not run in a puppy class.

In the puppy class there were six entries. A full list of awards appeared in our last.

SCOTCH TERRIERS—Were a poor class; the entries numbered eight.

BLACK AND TAN TERRIERS—Were a good and large class numbering twenty.

DANDY DINMONTS—Numbered three and were poor. No second prize was awarded.

YORKSHIRE, BLUE AND TAN TERRIERS—Were divided into two classes for those over, and those five pounds and under. The former numbered nineteen, and the latter twenty. There were some rare beauties in both classes, and among the non-sporting classes they were the best.

TOY TERRIERS—Other than Yorkshire, blue and tan, had twelve entries, and were good.

BLENHEIM SPANIELS—Had one entry.

KING CHARLES SPANIELS—Were good and had five entries.

JAPANESE SPANIELS—Had seven entries, and good ones.

ITALIAN GREYHOUNDS—Had fourteen entries, and some very fine ones. Mr. Lort, who judged them, gave the first prize to Morgan's Bijou, with a back so arched that it was a deformity.

When it stood on its feet it looked like a kangaroo, and walked like one; but its head was beautiful beyond description.

THE MISCELLANEOUS CLASS—Had two entries, a Chinese edible dog—a hideous brute, and Count Kinski, a Russian dog, which had won a prize at Vienna. The Count got the first, and the "edible" the second prize.

The special classes filled very badly indeed. The awards in them were given in our last, with the exception of class X., for the best pair of Japanese spaniels, which was not decided at the time of going to press, but which we learn has since been awarded to Mrs. Steward for Kobe and Hoko. The reason of the award not having been decided is that Mr. Taylor's Judy died on Friday morning, at 1 o'clock, before the class was judged, and the club could not determine what constituted a pair. A very fine point is raised by Mr. Taylor's letter, which we append. Mr. Taylor claims that a pair means two of the opposite sex—a dog and bitch, and not two dogs, as Kobe and Hoko are, and, moreover, not matched, one being a grown dog, and the other a puppy. Webster defines a pair as: 1st, two things of a kind, similar in form, applied to the same purpose and suited to each other or used together, as a pair of gloves or stockings; a pair of shoes; a pair of oxen or horses. Second, two of a sort; a couple; a brace; as a pair of horses; a pair of doves.

A good joke, however, is on Mr. Taylor, as he paid Tiffany & Co. for the cup, and got them to present it, and expected to win it.

The following is Mr. Taylor's protest:

NEW YORK, May 17, 1878.
TO MESSRS. THE MANAGERS OF THE WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB:—
GENTLEMEN—As an exhibitor under special class X, I claim the silver cup offered for the best pair of Japanese spaniels. The letter of Messrs. Tiffany & Co. offering this prize was in the following words: "For the best pair of Japanese spaniels exhibited at the coming bench show." My Punch and Judy (No. 997) were a proper pair, being dog and bitch of the same age and size, and were the only pair exhibited. The sudden death of my Judy an hour or two before the judgment for special class did not morally invalidate my claim. Both spaniels had been already judged in the regular class, when Punch received second prize and Judy V.H.C. Judgment in regular classes fairly disposes of special prizes so far as regards the points then judged. You could not, for instance, have given a special prize for the best dog to some other than the winner of first prize in the regular class. To object that my spaniels had not yet been judged as a pair is a mere technical quibble. I therefore submit:—(a). This prize is mine as against Mrs. Steward's Kobe and Hoko; because, 1st, the latter are not a pair of spaniels, both being dogs; 2d, they are not a pair, one being a large, grown dog and the other a small pup; 3d, they were not duly entered, for one of them did not arrive in this country until after the entries were closed; 4th, their exhibitor is the owner of one of them only. (b) This prize is mine now and cannot be withheld, or held over to another year, because:—First, my pair fully satisfied the conditions of the offer. They were a pair, were exhibited and each of them was fully seen and examined by the judges. Second, this prize was offered for this bench show, and for none other.

I shall be surprised and disappointed if you, gentlemen, yourselves owners of valuable dogs, are disposed to take advantage of an accident which in no way prevented a just judgment on the merits, and I beg to remind you that the loss of my spaniel is bad enough in itself without my being also deprived of a fairly won prize on a mere technicality. I am, gentlemen, very respectfully yours,
THEO. F. W. TAYLOR,
414 Madison Avenue.

On Saturday morning an attempt was made to have a fox hunt in the garden with a tame fox brought there by Milo Seagear. The fox was turned loose and the hounds, on chains, brought up. So soon as they caught sight of the fox they gave tongue. By the time it was determined to have a chase, and the doors were closed it was found that Seagear had traded off the fox and the owner had carried it away.

In the afternoon two live quails, with clipped wings, were turned down in the judges' ring, when they immediately ran to cover in some straw which had been placed there for the purpose. Several dogs were let loose, but the trial was not a success, as, with one or two exceptions, they failed to get the scent of the birds.

It was proposed to hold the show open until Saturday noon, but by ten o'clock Saturday there were so few dogs left that the idea was abandoned.

Quite a scene occurred on Thursday night. Mr. Louis Snyder discovered that Boy, a black and tan Gordon setter, entered by Mr. W. F. Brittain, belonged to him, being one he had lost some six weeks since. Mr. Snyder informed the chairman of the bench show committee, and was informed by him that the club could not be responsible for the dog, nor could they allow it to be removed; that if he wished it he must wait for it until it was taken out on the sidewalk and then seize it. It being after four o'clock, and not possible to get out a warrant for it, Mr. Snyder determined to take it out and, with that intent, unchained the dog and proceeded to take it out of the door. His object was to have himself arrested so as to detain the dog and prevent it from being removed, which he accomplished, as he was arrested and with the dog was taken before Captain Williams. Finally the club withdrew the charge and entered into bonds of \$500 for the safe keeping of the dog until ten o'clock Friday night. Mr. Snyder, on Friday, took legal steps to recover the dog and the case is now to be decided by the courts. Mr. Brittain bought the dog four weeks ago from a conductor on the 2d avenue railroad, named Hughes, who claims that he can prove he got it from his uncle on Long Island.

Mr. Henry Baune's red Irish setter dog Frank broke his chain on Friday, and got out of the building before he could be stopped. A reward of \$10 brought him back on Saturday morning.

Several dogs were sold. Mr. S. T. Hammond sold his prize pointer bitch Psyche to Mr. Henry N. Munn for a big price; he also sold of her litter by Sensation at big prices, a brace to Thos. A. Howell, a dog to E. L. Wilks, and a bitch pup to E. Leavitt, Jr.

Mr. Thos. A. Jerome sold his red Irish setter dog, Moody, to Z. Pearsall, New York, for \$250; Moody's, litter brother, Sankey, to C. Du Bois Wagstaff—price private.

Mr. Clarence H. Clayton sold his imported setter dog Milo, to Mr. J. E. Smith Hadden—price not public.

The Westminster Kennel Club made the following sales: Duchess, by Sensation—Whisky to Mr. Van Wagoner for \$180. Regalia, her litter sister, for \$70 to the Rev. Mr. Hamilton. Smiler by Sensation—May, 3½ months old, for \$40 to Mr. Myers. Bessie, litter sister to Captain Grafton and Eileen, 10 months old, by Sensation—Daisy, to Mr. John Russell.

The following were sold at auction on Saturday morning, by Barker, corner 39th street and Broadway:

Blanche, cocker spaniel bitch pup, winner of the 2d prize, got by Captain out of Fanny; sold to Frank Varian, \$75.

Hazroun, white and black collie, imported from Arabia; bought by Edward Carroll, \$50.

Spot, bull terrier bitch, by imported Truck out of imported Belle; C. Gregory, New York, \$2.

Julia, black and white Newfoundland bitch, by imported Ring out of imported Belle; C. Pollock, \$8.

Foxhound pup, by Jason out of Nettle; H. Hickling, \$2.

Therese, bull terrier bitch pup, by imported Settler out of imported Nellie; C. Harris, of Albany, \$8.

Red Prince, Irish setter pup, 11 months old, by Don out of Queen; J. E. Forbes, \$12.

Ben, Gordon setter dog, by Ned out of Fan; W. D. Tilton, \$5.

Rip, blue belton dog, by Prince out of Jule; T. Muldoon, \$5.

General McClellan, St. Bernard dog; J. M. Hardy, Richmond, Va., \$50.

Mina, Russian bloodhound bitch, by imported Prize out of imported Countess; J. F. Smith, Newark, \$10.

Eytinge, Siberian bitch, by Tiger out of Rose, heavy in pup to General McClellan; F. A. Miller, Newburg, N. Y., \$7.50.

Flora, retrieving spaniel bitch; M. Simon, \$5.

Ned, English setter pup, by imported Grouse out of imported Juno; James Valentine, \$6.

Bruno, imported Siberian bloodhound, 33½ inches high, winner of first prize, 1877, Gilmore's Garden, together with the elegant kennel, slips, etc.; T. Walker, New York city, \$37.50, for a gentleman in San Francisco.

Beppo, setter dog, by Rodman's Dash out of Belle; C. Hastings, Brooklyn, \$67.50.

Van, setter dog, same pedigree, same buyer, \$55.

Ben, setter dog, by imported Tar out of Gypsie; J. Hickling, \$6.

Ransom, foxhound dog; S. B. Lynch, New York, \$28.

Nero, bull terrier dog, by a son of imported Brandy out of imported Fly; J. B. Hasman, \$6.

Snap, pug pup, by imported Sam out of imported Jessie; J. B. Foulke, New York, \$20.

Etta, pug pup, same pedigree as Snap; Charles W. Barker, \$36.

Jess, Newfoundland bitch, by Chrystie out of Nell; Joseph Lindo, \$2.

Jane, English setter bitch, by Jack out of Fannie; J. W. Barrig, \$10.

Near the judge's ring was hung a very life-like and excellent painting of the Rev. J. Cumming Macdona, his son, father and brother, and on each side the setters, Ranger II. and Rover.

Mr. Rudolph exhibited a painting of a red Irish setter on a point. The coloring was good, and all but the position of the dog on a point.

There was no regular exhibition of sportsmen's goods, but several firms exhibited. Parker Bros., guns; Henry C. Squiers, Greener guns; Thomson & Sons, sportsmen's leather goods; W. T. & J. Mersereau, dog collars, muzzles and chains; and Kid der & Laird, their dog soap.

The dogs were fed on Spratt's dog biscuits.

The National American Kennel Club Meeting.

The National American Kennel Club met on Thursday the 16th at 12 o'clock noon, at the Ashland House, where, free of charge, a parlor was courteously offered by the proprietor, Mr. Brockway, for their use. After hearing the report of the treasurer, which showed the club to be financially healthy, and the report of Mr. Burges, the compiler of the stud book, which showed the book to be very nearly ready for press, the following new members were elected: E. A. Herzberg, New York; P. H. Morris, New York; J. J. Snellenburg and J. B. Reno, New Brighton, Pa.; G. W. Landenberger, Fort Washington, Pa.; Chas. C. Mathew, M. Dwight Collier and C. B. Whitford, St. Louis.

As there was a meeting of the Westminster, Boston, Philadelphia and St. Louis Kennel Clubs at 2 o'clock to consult on the future management of the bench shows, the National Club adjourned to the next day at 12 o'clock.

On the 17th after convening, a committee from the Westminster Kennel Club, appointed at the meeting the day before to confer with the National Kennel Club, requested an adjournment to some future date that the clubs might consider the question of joining the National Kennel Club. After appointing a committee consisting of Messrs. L. H. Smith, John Davidson and C. B. Whitford to draft a code of field trial rules and present them at the next meeting, the annual meeting was adjourned to meet at the Carrollton House, Baltimore, on Friday, the 8th day of November next, three days previous to the holding of the Baltimore Kennel Club's field trials.

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Amusements.

McVICKER'S THEATRE.—"Sweethearts," followed by the comedy "Onie leads to another," was at this house till this day (Saturday). Next week an elaborate edition of Uncle Tom's Cabin will be presented to the public.

HAVERTY'S THEATRE.—The Rice Extravaganza Combination have been performing to fair houses, Evangeline being the chief piece upon which they rely.

HOOLEY'S THEATRE.—The New York Park Theatre company have been performing in "Champagne and Oysters" during the week. On Monday next will be produced Bronson Howard's new play of "A Domestic Hurricane."

NEW CHICAGO THEATRE.—"Justice or a Life for a Life," has been the permanent piece of the general variety performance at this house.

CROSS PLAINS.—Editor Chicago Field:—Match at glass balls, for cash prizes; entrance \$2; \$5.35 to first, \$4.18 to second, \$3.79 to third, \$1.39 to fourth; fifteen single rises each; Bogardus' rules to govern. Very windy and shooting under difficulties. Charles Meyers, referee; Albert Hering, scorer.

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A. M. Daggett	11010 01101 10010-8
E. Hering	10110 11010 01011-9
Smith	11011 00011 11110-10
Kertz	11110 11001 00100-9
Slaur	11001 11100 01011-8
A. McGovern	10000 00001 01011-6
E. Lampman	11111 01111 11011-13
I. Palmer	10011 10110 11111-11

Ties on 13, at 26 yards.

C. Arland 111-3 | E. Lampman 110-2

Ties on 9, at 26 yards.

Kertz 100-1 | E. Hering 101-2

SNAP.

NOTICE.—The South End Shooting Club will hold the second general field meeting for bird shooting, May 30, Thursday, on their grounds, 66th and 57th streets, Hyde Park.

Birds will be abundant, and sportsmen are invited to attend. Shooting beginning at 11 A. M. Dummy leaves every even hour, corner 39th and Cottage Grove avenues.

NOTICE.—The CHICAGO FIELD is \$4 a year; \$3 for six months; \$1 for three months; five copies, \$15, strictly in advance.

OPENING THE SEASON.—The first pigeon shooting of the season took place at Dexter Park, this city, on May 15th, under the management of Tom Stagg, who offered four prizes in gold, ranging from \$30 to \$5. The entrance was \$5, including birds. There were seventeen entries. The shooting was at ten angle birds, 21 yards rise, with the following result:

A. Price	11111	11111	10
F. Kemble	11111	11111	10
S. H. Turrill	11111	11111	10
W. W. Foss	11111	11111	9
J. J. Gillespie	11011	11111	9
C. Morris	11111	11111	9
C. E. Willard	11111	11011	9
O. H. Roche	01111	11111	8
W. T. Johnston	00111	11111	8
H. F. Niedhardt	11011	11011	8
C. Kern	11001	11111	8
G. Mosher	11111	10101	8
C. E. Felton	11111	10101	8
Abe Kleinman	01101	10111	7
D. E. Woodman	11111	00101	7
W. B. Wilcox	01100	10111	6
R. B. Organ	00110	10101	5

The shoot-off of those who had killed ten straight, at 26 yards, was as follows:

S. H. Turrill	11111	5
Fred Kimble	11111	5
Abner Price	11110	4

Turrill and Kimble then went back to the thirty-one yards, where Turrill took the first money by killing four out of five, Kimble missing two. The ties on 9 were then shot off for second money, at 26 yards, with the following result:

Gillespie	10111	4
Willard	10111	4
Foss	10100	2
Morris	10100	2

Gillespie and Willard divided the prize. Ties on 8 at 26 yards:

Felton	11111	5
Niedhardt	01111	4
Kern	11101	4
Roche	01101	3
Mosher	10100	2
Johnston	01010	2

In the shoot-off of the sevens for fourth money, Woodman won by killing two birds out of three at 31 yards, after tying on two at 26.

NICHOLS VS. GREEN SMITH.—Syracuse, N. Y.—Editor *Chicago Field*:—Enclosed find the score that was shot at Lake View Park, May 14, between J. A. Nichols and Green Smith; 100 birds, English rules, 5 ground traps:

J. A. Nichols	11011	11111	11001	01111	11111	10110
Green Smith	10101	00011	11001	11011	01011	11111
	11011	10100	10110	01010	10110	10101
	11011	01111	70			
	10011	11000	00111	10110	01000	01011
	10011	01011	10010	00000	01001	11111
	11010	00101	00111	01010	00110	01001
	00100	10011	48			

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All shoots of the Tournament will be class shooting, and under the rules of the Illinois State Sportsmen's Association.

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Shoot No. 1 will commence at 9 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, June 11; 10 single birds, 21 yards. Entrance fee, \$5. Four prizes: 1st, 30 per cent. to first, 30 per cent. to second, 20 per cent. to third, 10 per cent. to fourth.

Shoot No. 2 will commence at 2 o'clock P. M., Tuesday, June 11; 10 single birds, 21 yards. Entrance fee, \$5, including the birds. First prize will consist of 400 brass shells and 2,000 primers, donated by A. C. Hobbs.

Shoot No. 3 will commence at 9 o'clock A. M., Wednesday, June 12; 10 single birds, 26 yards rise; \$7.50 entrance, including birds. 40 per cent. to first, 30 per cent. to second, 20 per cent. to third, 10 per cent. to fourth.

Shoot No. 4 will commence at 2 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, June 12; 10 single birds, 21 yards. Entrance fee, \$5, and will be the grand team shoot of the tournament, open only to members of regular organized clubs of the State of Illinois that have joined the State Association. Each club to be represented by four members in the shoot. The shoot will be at 15 single birds each, 21 yards rise. The team making the largest aggregate score to win. The first prize will be a splendid gold medal, donated by the Audubon Club, of Chicago, value \$150; also 12 bags of shot, donated by the Chicago Shot Tower Co., Chicago, value \$20; total value, \$170.

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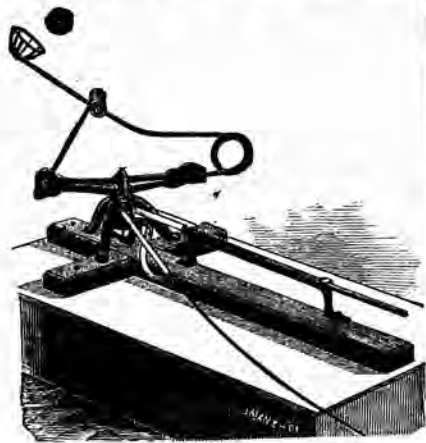
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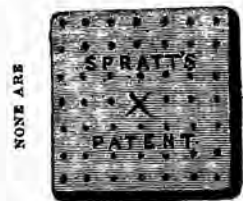
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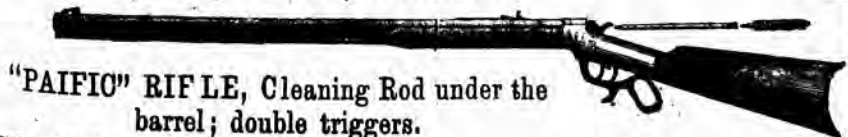
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